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\*English from Austria, South & North Korea, Kuwait, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka  
\*Reactivations from Brazil, New York  
\*Wrong or new frequencies for Belarus, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Iran, Libya, VOA  
\*Clandestines for Sarawak, Somalia, Uganda  
\*More news from Antarctica, Bolivia, Bonaire, Brazil, China, Cuba, Czechia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guam, India, Niger, UK, USA

SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1540, November 25-December 1, 2010

Thu 1600	WRMI	9955
Thu 2000	WBCQ	7415
Thu 2200	WRMI	9955
Fri 0430	WWRB	3185
Fri 1530	WRMI	9955
Fri 2130	WWCR1	7465
Sat 0900	WRMI	9955
Sat 0900	IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA	9510 [second, fourth, fifth Saturdays, maybe]
Sat 1500	WRMI	9955
Sat 1700	WWCR2	12160
Sat 1830	WRMI	9955
Sat 1900	IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA	6090 [NEW]
Sun 0330	WWCR3	4840
Sun 0730	WWCR1	3215
Sun 0900	WRMI	9955
Sun 1630	WRMI	9955
Sun 1830	WRMI	9955

Mon 0300 WBCQ 5110-CUSB [new, temp in November only]  
Tue 1630 WRMI 9955  
Tue 2000 WBCQ 7415  
Tue 2330 WRMI 9955  
Wed 0130 WRMI 9955  
Thu 0430 WRMI 9955

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<http://www.wrn.org/listeners/world-of-radio/rss/09:00:00UTC/English/541>

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\*\* AFRICA. Aeronautical logs:

CHAD, 8903 Ndjamena ATC 0256 Traffic. Very strong. 14 Nov

CONGO DR. ZAIRE, 8903 Kinshasa ATC 2245 Traffic w/ Springbok flight.  
12 Nov

EGYPT, 11300, Cairo ATC 1652. Traffic, 13 Nov

IVORY COAST, 8903, Abidjan ATC, 2247 Traffic with unidentified flight.  
12 Nov.

NIGER, 8903, Niamey ATC, 0334 Weak with traffic 14 Nov.

SENEGAL, 6535, Dakar ATC 0358 Traffic, 14 Nov

SOMALIA, 5517, Mogadishu ATC 0221 & 0238 with traffic. Mogadishu also heard at 2117 and several other times. Very active on this frequency, 13 Nov

SPAIN, 8861, Canarias ATC, 0430 Traffic. 13 Nov

(Don Moore, Loggings Made at MARE DXpedition at Brighton Recreation Area, near Brighton Michigan, Nov 12-14 2010. Receivers: Eton E-1 for all non-MW. Antennas: 250 meter BOG at 75 degrees, 100 meter BOG at 15 degrees, two random wires, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ANTARCTICA. 15476, LRA36 still undetected this week, again no carrier found Nov 18 at 1426.

15476, now a full week of no signals from LRA36, Nov 19 at 1420.

Another week starts with no signal from Radio Nacional Arc. ngel San Gabriel, Base Esperanza, 15476 checked Nov 22 at 1352 (while Turkey was OK on 15480), and at 1419. Last time LRA36 was detected here: Nov 12. So off the air, or totally unpropagating? Conosuristas ought to be able to tell.

15476, LRA36 still missing, Nov 23 at 1356 and 1415 chex.

15476, another LRA36-less day, no sign of it Nov 24 at 1422 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST) And Nov 25

\*\* ARGENTINA. 15345, R. Nacional, Nov 21 at 2303, ``Argentina te informa; Nacional de CUrdoa; dictadura militar`` mentioned perhaps in program promo from regional station. Fair signal and improving (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* AUSTRALIA [non]. 11550, fair at 2242 UT Saturday Nov 20, English lesson, M & W with English words and phrases, pauses for listeners to repeat, and explanations in Indonesian. It's RA via Tainan, TAIWAN, per Aoki, 2200-2330.

BTW, no hint of this in HFCC B-10. Altho the listings seem more complete now, there is not a single entry for TWN, as the ChiCom continue to forbid HFCC from including its breakaway province, even when it concerns relays of other stations having nothing to do with the mainland. Do HFCC participants (except China) have a secret schedule from Taiwan to consult anyway? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

18/11/2010, 0600, 11780, Radio Australia, Shepparton, music and ID "Radio Australia", suff. Rx: kenwood r-5000 - sdr-iq - de1103 Ant: ala1530s+ (Leonardo Bolli - Italy, playdx yg via DXLD) Language? Would be new frequency, unlisted, altho 11780 is listed for new Singapore relay of Burmese at 0100-0130 (gh, DXLD)

[and non]. 15240, poor signal in Strine at 2235 Nov 21, banned from HFCC but presumably R. Australia as per Aoki via Tainan, TAIWAN; 2257 had long/short path echo. Meanwhile, I could not detect RA Shepparton on 15230 under usurper CUBA; still there? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* AUSTRIA. 6155, ±1 or ORS, still has token English news capsule relayed from domestic service, Nov 19 at 0708-0711:51 when switched to French. Mostly world, not Austrian news, e.g. clip of President Obama. Fair signal but with ACI from Cuba 6150, tho its perpetual undermodulation is a blessing in this case. English and French news is UT M-F only, supposedly closing at 0710\* Sat/Sun rather than 0715\* M-F (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* AZERBAIJAN. [Nagorno-Karabakh exclave] 9677.4, Voice of Justice, in vernacular, at 0610 UT on Oct 20. Mit guter Signalstaerke (bis S=4) aber (gewohnt) grausiger Modulation. 0=3. Die gespielte Musik stark leidend, aehhh, mit wechselnder Abspielgeschwindigkeit ;-)

9677 kHz 0600-0635 UT, AZE Voice of Justice (Herbert Meixner-AUT, A-DX Nov 20 via BC-DX 21 Nov via DXLD)

\*\* BAHAMAS. 1540, ZNS1, Nassau, New Providence. 1050 November 21, 2010. "...the National Voice of the Bahamas" by baritone man, into inspirational/gospel vocals, one with a soca sway to it on a local Sunday morning. Fair-good (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BAHRAIN. 9745, Radio Bahrain, 1920, presumed with threshold signal, Arabic man and classical Arabic music. All alone on frequency. 12 Nov (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BELARUS. 6155, Radio Belarus, 2114-2135 Nov 22, man announcer with ID and contact information in English broadcast followed by a folk song. International Economic Review followed. Fair (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* BELARUS. 7360, former 40 x 5 kW = 200 kW jammer on Belarus Radio Minsk at S=9+40dB level at 2300-2310 UT Nov 23, spread again five strong spurious signals in 40 mb, like on peak  
7264 (7258-7268) kHz  
7330 (7328-7332)  
7371 (7368-7373)  
7419.5 (7413-7427)  
7452 (7446-7458) (73 wb) (Wolfgang B.schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BELGIUM [non]. Winter B-10 of TDP stations:

Denge Mezopotamya in Kurdish:

0500-1500 on 11530 SMF 300 kW / 129 deg WeAs Daily  
1500-1900 on 7540 SMF 500 kW / 129 deg WeAs Daily  
1900-2100 on 7540 SMF 300 kW / 129 deg WeAs Daily

TDP Radio in DRM:

0700-0800 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg WeEu Mon  
0800-0900 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg WeEu Tue  
0900-1000 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg WeEu Wed  
1000-1100 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg WeEu Thu  
1100-1200 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg WeEu Fri  
1200-1300 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg WeEu Sat  
1300-1400 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg WeEu Sun  
2100-2200 on 15755 BON 100 kW / 320 deg NoAm Daily, ex 1900-2000 B09

Radio Democracia in Amharic

0900-1000 on 21555 SAM 250 kW / 188 deg EaAf Sun

La Voix de Djibouti in Somali+News in Arabic and French:

1200-1300 on 21525 UNIDtransmitter/SAM? EaAf Thu

The Disco Palace in DRM

1400-1500 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg WeEu Daily  
2000-2100 on 15755 BON 100 kW / 320 deg NoAm Daily

Voice of Asena in Tigrinya

1730-1800 on 9605 SAM 250 kW / 188 deg EaAf Mon/Fri, ex M/W/F, B09

Voice of Meselna Delina in Tigrinya

1730-1800 on 9605 SAM 250 kW / 188 deg EaAf Tue/Thu/Sat

Radio Bilal in Amharic

1800-1830 on 9345 SAM 250 kW / 188 deg EaAf Daily, ex 1800-1900 B09

Suaab Xaa Moo Zoo in Hmong

2230-2300 on 7530 TAI 100 kW / 250 deg SEAs Daily

(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 23 Nov via DXLD)

\*\* BOLIVIA. 3310, Radio Mosoj Chaski, 2240-2316 Nov 22, long talk by man announcer in Quechoa language. After 2300 ID, a woman began hosting a music program. Poor to fair.

4409.8, Radio Eco, 2243-2313 Nov 22, Boy George song (!) followed by formal canned ID and frequency announcement. Mix of talks in Spanish by a man announcer and CP vocal selections, Another canned ID at 2301. Poor to fair.

4451.1, Radio Santa Ana, 2334-2346 Nov 21, man announcer with Spanish talk and ID in passing followed by rustic vocals. Poor.

4716.7, Radio Yura, 0053-0112 Nov 22, nice vocal by a man followed by a man announcer talking over the music followed by a man and woman with some sort of an announcement. Canned ID at 0100 by another man followed by a segment of rustic vocals. Talk by a man and woman. Fair.

4796, Radio Lípez, 2235-2242 Nov 22, rustic vocals hosted by a man announcer with Spanish talks and local references (''Potosí''), several announcements or ads and more rustic music. Poor (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* BOLIVIA. I also want to give a heads up to all the DXers that I am building a 5 kilowatt transmitter and antenna system for BOLIVIA. It will be on 6055. I should be done with the transmitter by December 22nd, and the antenna by December 30th. The transmitter will take about 3 weeks to clear customs, then I will go down to start building the station. Should start testing on the air by January 7th, 2011.

Glenn, I have lost all of the e-mail addresses in my address book, so if some of the DXers I was in communications with could e-mail me their addresses, I would appreciate it. Thanks for a great website Glenn, and a special thanks to all the DXers that post the loggings, and send me reports. You guys are appreciated more than you know, here in the broadcast industry (JAMIE Labadia, Nov 19, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Listed in Bolivia on 6055 (or 6054 varied), is Radio Cultural Juan XXIII, San Ignacio de Velasco. Is that the one, or do you mean a totally different/new station on that frequency? (Glenn to Jamie, via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DXLD)

\*\* BOLIVIA. 6134.77, R. Santa Cruz, 0038-0110\*, Nov 23. Pop songs;

many IDs; usual sign off format with series of IDs and R. Santa Cruz song; almost fair, as I watched the sun set out over the pacific.  
Audio of IDs at < <http://www.mediafire.com/?4ye8iw4040d6m41> > (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX  
LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BONAIRE. TORRENTIAL RAINS THREATEN TWR BONAIRE

[http://www.twr.org/news\\_and\\_blogs/2010/11-19/torrential-rains-threaten-twr-bonaire](http://www.twr.org/news_and_blogs/2010/11-19/torrential-rains-threaten-twr-bonaire)

Images of transmitter under flooding :  
<http://www.twr.org/files/456/The%20Flood%20of%202010.pdf>  
(via Alokesha Gupta, New Delhi, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX  
LISTENING DIGEST)

I asked Andy Sennitt whether RNW SW site was also threatened, but no reply (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DXLD)

\*\* BRAZIL. 4865.05, UnID Brazilian here with Portuguese ballads at 1016, with talk by a man. Possibly Radio Verdes Florestas, but no ID. 19 Nov (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BRAZIL. 9530, R Transmundial, Santa Maria, RS, 2055-2115, Nov 11, Portuguese, reactivated after a years break! (Monferini)

9615, R Cultura, S,,o Paulo, SP, 2055-2115, Nov 11, Portuguese, reactivated since December 2008 (Dario Monferini, Italy, DSWCI DX Window Nov 17 via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DXLD) Have seen no other reports of 9615; are they hearing it in Brasil? (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

\*\* BRAZIL. BRASIL, 9695.5, R·dio Rio Mar, Manaus, 1002-1010, 23-11. After several months without hearing it, now on air with news about Brazil and advertisements, Portuguese, male voice. 23322. (MÈndez)

9695.7, R·dio Rio Mar, Manaus, 0955-01006, 24-11, brasiliian songs, at 1002 male voice, Portuguese, identificaciÛn: "Radio Rio Mar, Manaus, Amazonas, Brasil". 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 8 meters, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BRAZIL. 9820, Radio 9 de Julho, 0725-0808, 21-11. After two weeks I can't listen it, probably out of air, Radio 9 de Julho today at 0725 on air with good signal, religious songs, male voice, identification at 0728: "Radio 9 de Julho, 1600 AM, a familia em primeiro lugar", more songs, at 0740, male: " VocÈ esta ouvindo Clube do Passarinho". 34333 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF

SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 8 meters, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BRAZIL [and non]. 15190, R. Inconfidência had not been heard for a couple of weeks, but it's certainly on Nov 21 at 2228 making awful collision with R. Africa, EQUATORIAL GUINEA [q.v.], overmodulated/distorted. Both have heavy equatorial flutter making matters even worse. EqG signal is stronger with Tony Alamo; ZYE522 with enthusiastic Brazilians, probably sports coverage. Bata kept going almost until 2300, but then Brazil still had a hum to contend with, carrier remaining on from the other? I note corroborating log from Harold Sellers in BC, tho it seems I was getting more of a signal from BH (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, R·dio Inconfidência at 2200 in Portuguese with a man with excited talk and a woman with occasional comments then the man just shouting out *iGooaaallll!* at 2203 and more talk and a definite mention of *iInconfidencia* and *iBrasili* at 2205 - Fair with Radio Africa Nov 21 (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, ODXA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DXLD)

Confirming Mark's report, I was also listening this afternoon here in Vernon, BC. At 2213 Radio Africa from Equatorial Guinea was dominant on 15190 with a preacher in English. However, they were badly over-modulated. Radio Inconfidência was barely audible in the background.

By 2242 both stations were equal and then Inconfidência started to take over. Radio Africa may have left the carrier on after the end of their programming at 2258 because there was a low frequency het on Brazil from then on (Harold Sellers, *ibid.*, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, via DXLD)

15190, another check Nov 22 for the collision between R. Africa, Equatorial Guinea, and R. Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais: at 2239 convicted child-molesting evangelist Tony Alamo is on top from EqG, maybe a hint of ZYE522 under, but there is lots of flutter and with BFO, the frequency is extremely unstable, apparently due to Doppler effects in the equatorial ionosphere, as previously R. Africa was quite stable.

At 2256 still Doppler, but only hearing Portuguese vs the EqG carrier. 2259 that carrier goes off leaving Brasil clearly in Portuguese, but also with unstable carrier. With BFO off, the modulation sounds OK. 2300 mentions Inconfidência, then full ID for MW, SW and FM with callsigns for each frequency. There is so much instability on the carrier that it cannot be zero-beat.

The only other signal anywhere close on 19m is RAE on 15345v. Its carrier is somewhat wobbly, but much less so than 15190. It's really

difficult to sort out what is propagational and what is real transmitter instability, so it could be 15190 is unstable as it goes out from the antenna; or both that and Doppler, and making EqG seem worse than it really is until closing (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15189.9, R·dio InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte, 1115-1133, 23-11, Portuguese, male and female voices, comments, ID, mentioned "InconfidÍncia", advertisements. Three weeks without hearing it, now on air again. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 8 meters, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, Nov 23 at 2326, R. InconfidÍncia without Equatorial Guinean QRM, during a program promo. Frequency seems unstable, flutter. Compared to Argentina 15345, which is stronger, less unstable and fluttery (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, Radio InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte, 0913-1000, 24-11, female, Portuguese, news, identification: "InconfidÍncia", male: "Agora 7 horas, 17 minutos", international news, news about Kampuchea, "Agora 7 horas 22", "InconfidÍncia AM".

At 0646 in this frequency only heard Radio Africa with religious English program but now Radio Africa has gone away. At 1000 strong interference from China Radio International. Signal fluctuating between 34333 to 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 8 meters, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Is the carrier unstable when you hear it, or is there trans-equatorial flutter? (gh, DXLD)

15190v, R·dio InconfidÍncia, 2200-2245, Nov 24, Portuguese talk. Poor with unstable, wobbly carrier mixing with Equatorial Guinea. Better signal on // 6009.93 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

\*\* BULGARIA. 7400, Radio Bulgaria at 2209 with folk music then a man and woman with "Daily Events and Developments" - Good Nov 22 but NOT // 6200 which was off - possibly due to technical difficulties (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Radio Bulgaria's outlet on 6200 was apparently off the air last night (22 November) as no signal was detected here. 7400, however, was heard as usual (Roger Tidy, London, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6300, Bulgaria --- English pgm here // 7400 at 2215 Nov 22 (Harold Fodge, MI, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I am sure I would have noticed it if still there at 2251 Nov 22 when I was logging SASASAM on 6297.1; must have been a punch-up error, supposed to be on 6200 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

6300, UNID, 2219-2224\* Nov 22, man announcer with heavily accent English talk just above the Algerian/Saharan clandestine station with carrier suddenly cut. Fair (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* CANADA. 15230, SAC out of whack, with CRI English relay, Nov 18 at 1423, extremely overmodulated and distorted in talk, and also splashing beyond normal bandwidth during music. The better to QRM co-channel and co-Commie RHC which succeeded in making a SAH (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### \*\* CANADA. CRTC WANTS POWER TO FINE RULE-BREAKING BROADCASTERS

Canada's broadcast regulator says too many companies in the broadcast system are breaking the rules, and it is asking the federal government for the power to mete out tougher punishments.

At the end of a licence renewal decision released last week, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission complained about its sub-optimal regulatory tools, and asked for the right to fine companies that don't follow regulations.

The request for a change to the law governing how it regulates cable providers, radio broadcasters and others marks the first time the CRTC has included a petition for stronger disciplinary measures in a regulatory decision.

In order to give the CRTC the power to impose monetary penalties, Parliament would have to pass an amendment to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Act. . .

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/crtc-wants-power-to-fine-rule-breaking-broadcasters/article1790760/>  
(via Kevin Redding, Nov 9, ABDX via DXLD)

\*\* CANADA. O (NO) Canada! CRTC talks about AM deregulation  
DAILY NEWS Nov 19, 2010 10:02 AM  
CRTC CHAIR CONCERNED ABOUT VERTICAL INTEGRATION IN BROADCASTING

The implications of vertical integration in Canadian broadcasting, and the impact such integration has on the need for a diversity of voices in the market place and the role of small and independent broadcasters

in a market increasingly dominated by mega-mergers, is causing concern but not necessarily problems, according to the Chair of the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission.

In a presentation to the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage yesterday, CRTC head Konrad von Finckenstein acknowledged that broadcast landscape is changing at lightning speed, causing him enough concern about vertical integration in the media to launch public hearings next spring. . .

<http://www.broadcastermagazine.com/issues/story.aspx?aid=1000393146>  
(via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

\*\* CHAD [and non]. 6165, Saturday Nov 20 at 2255, fair signal with hilifish music, 2300 French announcements but could not make out an ID or sign-off, yet 2301 right into military band with anthem to 2302\*. RNT presumably still signs off a semihour earlier on days other than Saturday. And Jean-Michel Aubier reports it's about to get whammed by KBS World Radio via France on 6165 at 2100-2200 starting Dec 1, in French to Africa!

What are they thinking? Poor Chad is not in HFCC, so ignore it! And why should Chad bother, with only one active SW transmitter? Will it be driven back to 4905, or even 7120? And what about Croatia, also on 6165? Another failure of frequency management, by KBS and/or M&B/TDF, relying on documents rather than turning on a radio, or godforbid, consulting DX bulletins to find out what is really on a frequency before picking it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CHILE. GABRIEL IVAN BARRERA --- Hola Glenn: Como no sÈ si han recibido este mismo mensaje Radio Nederland, RAE y el Grupo Radioescucha Argentino, molesto de tu atenciÛn y te agradezco.

El dxismo ha perdido a un activo integrante de esta fascinante actividad/aficiÛn cientÌfica. Gabriel ha sido un gran colaborador de LatinoamÈrica DX en su Època y cada viernes en Radio-Enlace escuchaba sus interesantes infos al igual que las tuyas Glenn. Varios miembros de la ADXL tuvimos la oportunidad de conocerlo en la Primera Conferencia Argentina de Diexistas en octubre de 1983. Mi pÈsame a su familia, a Radio Nederland, a RAE y al Grupo Radioescucha Argentino, y mi recuerdo (Emilio Pedro Povrzenic, editor LatinoamÈrica DX, ADXL, Villa Diego, provincia de Santa Fe, RepÙblica Argentina, Nov 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CHINA. Firedrake Nov 19:  
None found 8-18 MHz by 1430.

Firedrake Nov 20:  
8400, good at 1350. No others found until 1430.

Firedrake Nov 21:

8400, good at 1351; not on 10500 but did not do a complete bandscan.

Firedrake Nov 22:

8400 and 10500, nothing at 1344.

8400 at 1542, very poor, still no 10500 nor any others found in incomplete interim bandscan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake, 0148-0200\*, Nov 23. All // with good reception on 10500, 13680, 14700 and 16100 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Nov 23:

8400, very poor at 1341; fair at 1430

10500, poor at 1341; gone at 1430, instead some SSB.

Firedrake Nov 24:

8400, nothing at 1405; did not make any chex before 1400. But at 1455 I am getting very poor signal, sounds like two stations, so some signs of Sound of Hope too.

10500, nothing at 1405 or 1455. Did not make total bandscan 8-18 MHz, but no others noted in most of that range swiped (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6180, Firedrake, 1614-1630\*, Nov 24. Fair; against BBC in Uzbek (blocking the news of the conviction of 17 persons to life in prison; they all are from the Uzbek ethnic minority); Firedrake on 11920 and //; from 1614 to past 1630 against VOA in Tibetan (blocking the news that the Dalai Lama plans to retire from political life over the next six months). These are major news stories China didn't want heard within China/Tibet, hence they used their Firedrake music jamming (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CHINA. 5050, Beibu Bay Radio (BBR), 1430, Nov 23. IDs: iFM 96.4 Beibu Bay Radio; audio attachment (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Dave Kernick (Interval Signals Online) has just posted an updated audio of the new BBR ID at < <http://www.intervalsignals.net/>; a ToH ID. His audio is far superior to mine. Always enjoy hearing his excellent recordings. Thanks to Dave for the great job he does! (Ron Howard, Nov 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CONGO. 6115, Radio-Congo, 1720, presumed with hilife and talk by a French man. Very weak and suffering splatter high side. It took a tight filter and LSB to get any copy. 20 Nov (David Sharp, NSW

Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* COSTA RICA. See CUBA [non]. ELCOR, R. Republica

\*\* CROATIA [non]. I've been intending to confirm the supposed time for English from V of Croatia, 2315 UT on 7375 via GERMANY. Guess what I hear when I tune in Nov 20 at 2314? DRM noise, from 7370! No trace of Zagreb. What does HFCC say? Nothing! No DRM on 7370 except Romania at 2100-2130. But didn't Vatican used to DRM on 7365-7370-7375? Aoki says it still does: ``7370 VATICAN RADIO(DRM) 2300-2345 1234567 English (Digital) 125 300 Santa Maria di Galeria CVA 01219E 4203N VAT b10``

At 0001 UT Nov 21, with Vatican DRM off, HRV becomes audible in Croatian on 7375, as another Wertachtal transmitter is added at 300 degrees, while before 2400 it's only to South America at 240 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) At 2315 also on 3985 direct (gh)

\*\* CUBA. 9153, extremely strong cut numbers (10 letters instead of numbers sent on full carrier with Morse code tones), Nov 19 at 0708; caused overload on weaker 31mb signals where one could also hear the code. Meanwhile there were also non-cut spy numbers in Spanish voice below 5.9 MHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CUBA. 15230, Radio Havana 1139-1143. // 6095 & 6140. While tuning by, surprised to hear Cuban rock group Moneda Dura with their song Ojos de Aitana, although the song theme is just the band leader's baby daughter. One of Moneda Dura's other well-known songs is Mala Leche, which is banned from Cuban radio, as is the video banned (although the group is permitted to perform the song live). That song's name comes from the Cuban slang expression, Cual es tu mala leche (roughly, Why are you so pissed off?) and speaks to the hassles of everyday life in Cuba. Other songs of theirs include Lola (about a Cuban transvestite) and Callejero in which a young Cuban man tells off a rich older foreign tourist woman looking to buy sex. Not all of their songs are controversial. Al Sudeste is a very beautiful love ballad. Of course, videos for all these can be found on YouTube. The Al Sudeste video is especially good. The band's name (Moneda Dura) translates to hard currency, something most Cubans are lacking. Excellent group. I highly recommend their music (Don Moore, Brighton, Michigan DXpedition, 14 Nov, MARE Tipsheet Nov 19 via DXLD)

\*\* CUBA [and non]. Today's anomaly from RHC, Nov 18: the 15360 transmitter is upacting again putting out multiple spurs. First noted at 1236 on 15465 with Despertar con Cuba mention, FMy quality, carrier cuts off for a split second every 2 or 3 seconds. While it's readable in AM mode, no words can be made out with BFO on. I then look for others, all frequencies approximate: 15412, 15307, 15257, 15205,

15148, so they are at approximate 52-53 kHz intervals, and as before more of them on the lo side than the hi side. Meanwhile, other // transmitters on 15230 and strongest 15120 were nominal, without any such problems.

13580, the leapfrog of 13780 over 13680, Nov 18 at 1431 RHC IS and ID, was atop weak intentional 13580 station (listed RFA Vietnamese via Sri Lanka) making SAH; this is unusual, plus lack of much signal on the other leapfrog 13880 which is normally far stronger.

RHC into Sunday-morning mode Nov 21: at 1406, 13680 is off the air but 13750 is on with open carrier, also 17750. Modulation cuts on at 1410 with Cartas a la RedacciÛn, or is it Amigos de Cuba?

1435 once again Encuentro DX at its new hour-later time, including a plug for a Colombian non-broadcast station with bilingual podcasts, including some English, Radio Ciudad Global, <http://www.radiociudadglobal.com> where we see they have a new program of their own each week, plus some from R. Bulgaria, R. MÈxico Internacional.

Missing last week, but RHC's Esperanto service is back this Sunday, Nov 21 at 1510. Need to check again at 2100 on 11760, 2230 on 15370, no-shows last week.

Meanwhile, RHC Spanish had Mundo de la Filatelia at its new 1510 hour-later time on 17750, 15370, 15230, 13750, 11730, 11690.

By 1702, AlÛ, Presidente should be underway, but instead all frequencies on the air have RHC music in //: 17750, 15370, 15230, 13750, 13680-weak, 11760, 11730-weak, 11690-vs RTTY.

Further chex Sunday Nov 21 for the allegedly scheduled RHC broadcasts in weekly Esperanto: at 2127, 11760 in French. At 2225, 15370 with open carrier past 2230; 2233 also in French.

As suspected from last Sunday's monitoring of other programs one UT hour later than on RHC's former and still published schedule, En Contacto is again later for its second known airing, Nov 21 from 2242:30 on 15230, 11770, 11730, 9820, 6140, 5040, preceded by El Mundo de la Filatelia with requests for stamp exchanges from El Salvador; and succeeded by Cuba Campesina a quarter-hour later. I say ``known'' because there may be one or two more repeats between 1450 and 2242 during RHC's continuous all-day but schedule-less programming.

9955, DentroCuban Jamming Command, UT Monday Nov 22 at 0624, heavy pulsing atop WRMI music, altho during this quarter hour on the schedule is Maravillosas Palabras, religious talk rather than music.

RHC DXers Unlimited ending at 0632 UT Monday Nov 22 on 6150, 6060, 6010, so if ~12 minutes long, started around 0620. NO signal on 6050! First time found absent since that started Nov 8. Was this an all-too-common fluke, or has Arnie finally been persuaded by HCJB to get off their frequency? Had not checked 6050 earlier in the evening; starts circa 0100 and normally stays on until 1100, switching to Spanish at 0700. No replacement found, e.g. 5970 also vacant. This was also good news for KBS World Radio Spanish listeners on 6045 via Sackville at 06-07.

11760 missing Nov 22 at 1347 allowing BBC OMAN to be heard; see UK, but RHC back on by 1357.

Spurs showing up again, distorted and mushy on 13950 and about 13921, Nov 22 at 1413, much weaker than normal leapfrog on 13880, and much, much weaker than fundamentals 13780 and 13680, the spurs probably originating from the lower one which squeals. No others found closer to 13680 nor below it.

Has RHC finally acceded to HCJB and removed itself from La Voz de los Andes' frequency forever, and now the only one left, 6050, since RHC was missing from it Nov 22 at 0632?

No! Next check Nov 23 at 0200, RHC English still/again on 6050 obliterating HCJB here and no doubt seriously QRMing it around Ecuador. And at 0609 this date RHC English on 6050, plus 6010, 6060, 6150, overkill. Meanwhile, Havana's ex-5970 goes begging for an occupant after Spain is finished at 0100.

Perhaps Arnie needs a face-saving way to make a compromise and resolve this totally unnecessary collision. Of course, HCJB takes a break between 0503 and 0827. He could reduce RHC usage of 6050 to the English 0500-0700 only (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9955, pulse jamming with tones, Nov 24 at 0616 amounts to the SSOB (strongest signal on band)! Conditions are quite degraded, with only traces of WYFR on 9985 et al., tho doing better on its 7 MHz frequencies, and no victim WRMI audible at all on 9955, during scheduled UT Wednesday CDHD Brigade 2506 exile show in English (which I heard part of later at 1545 on webcast, discussing American-born Marco Rubio and prospects for Republicans in Congress). Nothing to explain this situation from WWV:

``Geophysical Alert Message  
Solar-terrestrial indices for 23 November follow.  
Solar flux 75 and mid-latitude A-index 7.

The mid-latitude K-index at 0600 UTC on 24 November was 1 (7 nT).  
No space weather storms were observed for the past 24 hours.  
No space weather storms are expected for the next 24 hours``  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CUBA [non]. 5936.22 NF, UNKNOWN SITE (Clandestine). Radio Rep'blica relay. 0038 November 15, 2010. Per David Crawford discovery, heard here as well, parallel jammed 5954.12. Does not appear to be a spur from the latter, as it's never generated one before and nothing on the opposite side detected. Not jammed, but very weak. Soon to be jammed now that word is out. Bye-bye (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5936, no trace of R. Rep'blica or anything, Nov 21 at 2244, nor jamming, unlike the noise around 5954-5955. Terry Krueger says another very weak R.R. was heard on 5936.22 at 0038 Nov 15, now sure to be jammed. No doubt it's another low power nuisance transmitter (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

COSTA RICA. 5936.22, ELCOR - Radio Republica, 0340-0400\*, Nov 24, Spanish talk. Local music. IDs at 0358, 0400. Very weak. Stronger on // 5954.22. Also heard a weak carrier on 5972.22. Apparently these are spurs of 5954.22, +/- 18 kHz. At sign off the carriers were gone on all three frequencies at the same time. Thanks to tips from David Crawford and Terry Krueger (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX Listening Digest)

\*\* CYPRUS. 5905, Nov 19 at 1358 poor signal in Arabic, soon obviously BBC with vamp music, 1400 one Big Ben bong (or two?), continues in Arabic, site? Listed as Cyprus, 0500-1600, 300 kW, 173 degrees. Unusual to get at this hour, more likely long path. No QRM audible from co-channels scheduled: CRI Russian via Kashgar until 1400, then VOR via Moskva (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CYPRUS. 15195-15220 approx., OTH radar pulses presumed from here, Nov 19 at 1426, mostly bothering WYFR Portuguese 15210; another bit of it in an otherwise clear spot around 15140 rather than Oman (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CZECHIA. Radio Prague's evening transmissions in English on 5930 currently seem much weaker than during the autumn/winter period in previous years. Are they, perhaps, operating on reduced power in an effort to save money? (Roger Tidy, UK, Nov 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

To my own ears, the transmitter in use has been faulty for some weeks, and when audible at good strength the audio has been distorted. My

listening has been in the mornings on 5930. The signal was so poor today (Nov. 18) that co-channel Monchegorsk was causing it interference. Now at 1500 it is difficult to tell if the station actually is Radio Prague on 11600 in Spanish due to the signal being so weak and distorted (Noel R. Green (NW England), *ibid.*)

I also remember 5930 being much stronger here in eastern North America during previous years, and we no longer have the sunspot minimum to blame :-). Very 73 de (Anne Fanelli in Elma NY, *ibid.*)

Actually, the transmitter is OK, but the audio feed is too loud (high volume) [overmodulated]. Also web streams of Radio Prague is overmodulated. Here are RADIO PRAGUE's web stream links:

RM 32 kbps, 22 kHz, mono:

<http://pat.radio.cz:8080/ramgen/broadcast/live.rm>

MP3 32 kbps, 22 kHz, dual mono:

<http://old.radio.cz/icecast.pls>

WMA 32 kbps, 44 kHz, mono:

<http://www.rozhlas.cz/audio/download/cro7-32.aspx>

AACP 32 kbps, 44 kHz, dual mono:

<http://www.rozhlas.cz/audio/download/aac-cro7-32.m3u>

WMA 64 kbps, 48 kHz, dual mono:

<http://www.rozhlas.cz/audio/download/cro7-64.aspx>

AACP 128 kbps, 44 kHz, dual mono:

<http://www.rozhlas.cz/audio/download/aac-cro7-128.m3u>

I've checked live web streams at 1545z November 18 and there are ALL overmodulated. Someone should contact Radio Prague about this. 73 (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, Nov 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The signal strength appears to be back to 'normal' again today (Nov. 19). 5930 at 0730 and now 7345 at 1100 were both received very strongly, and the audio over-modulation that Dragan tells us about also seems to have been corrected - at least on SW. 73 (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I agree with Noel that the signal last night was much better. I believe there are two transmitters at the site used by Radio Prague (although only one transmitter is used at any particular time), so it may be the case that one of these units is defective and the other is working normally (Roger Tidy, UK, Nov 19, *ibid.*)

Antenna Change at Radio Prague Designed to Improve Reception in Southern UK --- I've just received a message from Radio Prague's engineer, Oldrich Cip, informing me that, as from yesterday, the Litomysl transmitting station is using a different directional antenna 'which might improve reception in the South of England' (Roger Tidy, London, UK, 1524 UT Nov 24, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* DJIBOUTI. 4780, Radiodiffusion TÈlÈvision du Djibouti, 2042-2103\* Nov 22, music program hosted by a woman announcer with ID and closedown announcements at 2100 followed by orchestra National Anthem at 2102. Poor to fair but rapidly improving to almost good by sign off (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 6025.07, R. Amanecer Int'l, 0036-0105 Nov 21. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and other religious songs/hymns; YL announcer spoke after each song; ID at 0102 but only partially readable. A few good peaks but some fading and splatter from 6020/30 (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 50-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

\*\* ECUADOR. 3279.90, LV del Napo, 0255-0308\*, Nov 19, Spanish talk. Religious music. Some Ecuadorian music. Abrupt sign off. Very weak in noisy conditions. They seem to consistently sign off at 0308.

3279.90, LV del Napo, \*0939-1005, Nov 19, abrupt sign on with Spanish talk. Local Ecuadorian music. Poor to fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

3279.90, La Voz del Napo, 1035, weak but readable with Spanish ballads, time/check by man, "Seis menos 25 minutos." 19 Nov (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ECUADOR. 3280, La Voz del Napo, 0115-0146 Nov 22, man and woman announcers preaching in Spanish. Several ``Radio Maria`` IDs at 0132 followed by music and more religious talks. Fair (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* EGYPT. 9305, R. Cairo, Nov 21 at 2249, Arabic, VG signal strength but horribly distorted and splattering plus/minus 15 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 5005, R. Nacional, Bata. November, 18 0553-0603 orchestral instrumental music, romantic and African music. 25322, (lob-B).

6250, R. Nacional, Malabo. November, 18 0603-0613 male outside in

Spanish talks ieducaciÛn para todos, alimento para todosî, back studio by female, outside once again iaumentar las cooperaciones internacionales; de la 5a conferencia de embajadores para Radio Malaboî. 34333 (L'cio Ot.vio Bobrowiec ñ Embu SP Brasil - Sony SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m, Longwire 22m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* EQUATORIAL GUINEA [and non]. 15190, R. Africa, also has convicted child molester Tony Alamo on its Sunday evening air, Nov 21 at 2228 but making awful mix with ZYE522; see BRAZIL. Remained the same almost until 2300, Alamo mumbling doctrine with his YL sidekick (long dead wife, or molestee?), yet overmodulated, distorted, and with heavy equatorial flutter. A bit of music at 2258 must have been a wrap, as when retuned a couple minutes later only hearing Brasil, but hum perhaps still coming from Bata carrier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Meanwhile, on 15190, at 2213 Radio Africa from Equatorial Guinea was dominant on 15190 with a preacher in English. However, they were badly over-modulated causing major distortion. Radio Inconfidênciacia was barely audible in the background.

By 2242 both stations were equal and then Inconfidencia started to take over. Radio Africa may have left the carrier on after the end of their programming at 2258 because there was a low frequency het on Brazil from then on (Harold Sellers, BC, Nov 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ERITREA. (Ex 5100), R Bana was a radio service operated under the Education Ministry of the Eritrean Government. According to many Internet sources Eritrean security forces raided the headquarters of R Bana on Feb 22, 2009 (quote from BBC: "Eritrea has arrested up to 54 journalists in a new media crackdown... Eritrean authorities on 22 February 2009 ordered a raid on the premises of Radio Bana, a small station in the heart of the capital that puts out educational programmes under the sponsorship of the Education Ministry. Its entire staff of around 50 journalists were arrested" Ô ).

I got contact with one of the volunteer workers who have been working on R Bana and he is rather sure that the story of R Bana ended on that day. Several people who worked there are still in prison and the transmitting facilities were taken over by the Ministry of Information. They launched a new frequency (this 5060) and after that the programmes identified have had totally different kind of nature ("Voice of Oromo Liberation", "Arbegnoch Voice Radio"). They also have a standard morning program (this program name is still unidentified for me, but I myself have never heard "Radio Bana" in the early morning hours here on 5060). (Ilpo Parviainen, Finland, DSWCI DX Window Nov 17 via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DXLD)

Thus Horn of Africa music on 5060 rather comes from this clandestine!  
(DSWCI DXW Ed. Anker Petersen, *ibid.*)

NEW 5060.00, 1450-1725\* 19+20.11, UNID replacing R Bana, Asmara.  
Vernaculars talks and songs under Xinjiang PBS, 21321 AP-DNK

NEW 5060.00, \*0354-0455 21+22.11, UNID replacing R Bana, Asmara.  
Vernaculars Lovely string music IS with possible IDs twice in five  
languages, two of these possibly Oromo and Arabic, 0400 ann, short  
music and talk for three minutes mentioning Africa and Afghanistan  
(news ?), then a lot of short talks (reports ?) with short musical  
interludes of music from Horn of Africa, 0430 talk by a different man,  
maybe in a different language, low modulation and occasional CWQRM,  
strongest on 22.11: 35333, but fading out with 15211 (Anker Petersen,  
here in Skovlunde, Denmark, where the winter is approaching tonight  
with snow and frost. My receiver is the usual AOR AR7030PLUS with 28  
metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO  
1540, DXLD)

\*\* ERITREA. New frequency observed on Sunday Nov. 21st thanks to Mauno  
Ritola and G\_nter Lorenz: 9700 // 7175 VoBME 2, no jamming, channel  
clear until Bulgaria DRM sign-on 1726, s/off ERI was approx 1803.  
Today Nov. 22nd at 1645 without any jamming: 7120//7175//9700, the  
latter still there at 1805 but not much longer. ETH 7110+7165 off  
(Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ETHIOPIA. 6030, Radio Oromiya, 0402-0422 Nov 22, Marti jammer just  
would not shutdown tonight leaving this poking through the noise with  
talks in listed Amharic language. Decent signal enabled it to be heard  
periodically but awful overall (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State  
Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton  
E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire  
essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg  
via DXLD)

\*\* ETHIOPIA. 9705.0, Radio Ethiopia, 2005-2100\*, Nov 24, Reactivated  
with Amharic talk. Local Horn of Africa music. Sign off with National  
Anthem. Fair, but with QRM from a weak Niger 9704.99. No //s heard.  
Not heard in some time. In the past the frequency was closer to 9704.2  
(Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX Listening Digest)

\*\* ETHIOPIA [non]. 9605, 18 NOV, 1746 UT, CLANDESTINE, Voice of  
Meselna Delina heard in presumed Tigrinya (sounds a lot like Arabic to  
me) with east African music and long talks by a woman. Went to pop  
music at 1759 for about ten seconds and then left the air. Something  
left at the end of the tape, maybe. About ten seconds after the  
transmitter left the air, the BBC came up in French. Excellent signals

from Samara, Russia with no QRM and some minor fading (Al Muick, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m longwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ETHIOPIA [non]. 11760, 18 NOV, 1616 UT, CLANDESTINE, Voice of Oromiyo Revolution with east African music and long-winded rants by a man. Good signals and no QRM. From Wertachtal. Will also try Media Broadcast for a QSL. Maybe get a 2-for-1 deal out of this! (Al Muick, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m longwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* EUROPE. Re 10-45: ``NORTH AMERICA. Radio Face de Blatte - French pirate, 0124 UT, 11/1/2010, 6505 khz USB - with Golden Earing, Rob Zombie, Monster Mash, Ghostbusters, etc. Signal about S4 just above noise floor. Off by 0159 (Tim Tromp, Muskegon MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD) Or could it be European? Unusual frequency for NAm``

The station says that it is in France:

<http://www.frn.net/vines/Forum1/HTML/004621.html>  
(Mike Barraclough, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* FRANCE. Re 10-46: 216 LW, RMC Info, no religious programme could be heard on Sundays Nov 07 and 14 at 0745 Local Time as mentioned in DX-Windows no. 413 and 414 - only regular RMC Info programme (Patrick Robic, Leibnitz, Austria, DSWCI DX Window Nov 17 via DXLD)

216 LW, RMC Info, Roumoules --- ".....Alors en ce qui concerne ta question sur l'imission religieuse locale de Monaco, voici les explications.

Il y a quelques semaines, j'ai envoyé l'info à Anker Petersen pour Dx Window, et depuis il y a toujours quelqu'un pour dire le contraire ou autre chose à ce sujet, alors qu'ils sont très loin de Monaco. Donc ce matin, j'ai téléphoné au Père Patrick Keppel, le responsable de l'imission à l'Eglise aujourd'hui au Diocèse de Monaco.

--- Depuis début novembre, l'imission de 0745h (locales) 0645 UTC le dimanche sur 216 kHz a été supprimée, par RMC-MCR pour raison de manque de personnel au centre de Roumoules. Donc l'imission est maintenant diffusée le samedi uniquement de 2305-2320 UTC sur FM et Internet." (Christian Ghibaudo, Nice, via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* FRANCE [non?]. 17620, RFI with usual hum on this frequency, so GUF rather than ISS? Nov 22 at 1422 playing Elvis, ``Are You Lonesome Tonight``, except he keeps breaking up and laughing, so must have been from a live performance; then H&F commenting on that in French (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* FRANCE [non]. 6185, world news in Spanish, Nov 23 at 0611 including some clips in English, over SAH from Vatican. This has to be Radio EducaciÛn, XEPPM, but certainly not produced by them. Yes, at 0616 outro, it's de Radio Francia Internacional, RFI; perhaps a midnight regular in Mexico; delayed from 0100? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GEORGIA. On 9535 kHz instead of Abkhaz Radio on Nov 10th began at 0800 the Russian FM "Avto Radio" with ID in "Pervoe avtamabilnoye radio - Avto radio, U nas novosti" = The 1st Car Radio - Auto Radio. By us there are news. Checking at 0830 UT I found Abkhaz Radio program in vernacular and from 0902 UT news in Russian, close/down at 0908 UT Nov 16 (Rumen Pankov-BUL, Nov 16, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 21 via DXLD)

\*\* GERMANY. 5980/6005/6085 kHz, Test TX Kall. Test 6085 kHz morgen Freitag Nov 19, morgen zwischen 11 und 12 Uhr MEZ testet die 6085 mit einem "alternativen" Testprogramm (Sandro Blatter-SUI, A-DX Nov 18)

Ich habe erst Nov 19 um 1050 UT eingeschaltet.  
6005, S=7-9, das schwaechste der 3 Signale und tief fadend pumpend.  
5980, S=9 kontinuierlich.  
6085, test transmission loop anncomt, S=9+10dB, etwas staerker als die zwei anderen Signale.

Zum Vergleich: 17 kW aus DLF Berlin Britz 6190 kHz S=9+25dB, letztere eine Klasse hoher (Wolfgang Bschel, Nov 19, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 21 via DXLD)

\*\* GERMANY. 6085, R Gloria, via Kall-Krekel. New catholic broadcasts in December \*0800-1400\* in Su Dec 05, 12, 19 and daily Dec 24-Jan 02. The leader of R Gloria, Peter Galliker, asks for reception reports which will be verified by a special QSL-card. Please enclose an IRC. The address: Radio Gloria, Postfach 540, CH-6281 Hochdorf, Switzerland. <http://www.radiogloria.eu> is their webaddress (Christian Milling, Funkhaus Euskirchen e.V., <http://www.shortwaveservice.com> via Patrick Robic, Austria, Nov 16, DSWCI DX Window Nov 17 via DXLD)

\*\* GERMANY. Re: DW cuts hundreds of jobs, keeps SW only for Africa

> The existing 30 language services are supposed to stay.

And here comes the "but", documented below because the article will be freely available only for a few more days:  
<http://funkkorrespondenz.kim-info.de/artikel.php?pos=Politik&nr=8286>

(Only the two final paragraphs contain new details.)

It says that programmes for the Balkans, Greece, Poland as well as in Hindi, Bengali and Indonesian will "concentrate on background" and no longer offer coverage of current events. In other words, the radio programmes will not be continued as they are.

Also mentioned is the problem that DW-Radio has its seat in Bonn but DW-TV in Berlin: Solutions are to be developed, "in any case it is in the digital age possible to create a trimedial product from two locations".

"Als schwierig bei der Einführung solcher auf trimediales Arbeiten ausgerichteten Redaktionen drfte sich der Doppelsitz der Deutschen Welle erweisen. So wird DW-TV, das Fernsehprogramm der Sendeanstalt, in Berlin produziert, während der Radio- und Online-Bereich am Hauptsitz in Bonn angesiedelt ist. Die vierköpfige Arbeitsgruppe soll Vorschläge entwickeln, wie sich trimediales Arbeiten angesichts der räumlichen Trennung umsetzen lässt. Im digitalen Zeitalter sei es jedenfalls möglich, von zwei Standorten aus ein mediales Produkt zu gestalten", sagte DW-Sprecher Hoffmann.

Doch Synergiemaßnahmen allein reichen letztlich nicht aus, um den knftigen finanziellen Möglichkeiten gerecht zu werden. Die DW plant daher auch Einschnitte ins Programm. So sollen knftig nicht mehr in allen Sprachen tagesaktuelle Inhalte hergestellt werden. Derzeit produziert die DW Sendungen in insgesamt 30 Sprachen. Für neun Länder (darunter Polen, Griechenland, Albanien, Serbien, Bosnien-Herzegowina) und drei Sendesprachen (Hindi, Bengali, Indonesisch) will die Deutsche Welle den Schwerpunkt knftig auf die Hintergrundberichterstattung legen. Davon, bestimmte Sprachredaktionen zu schließen, ist bisher nicht die Rede. Darüber hinaus will die Deutsche Welle demnächst nur noch in Afrika ihre Radioprogramme via Kurzwelle verbreiten. In Europa, den GUS-Staaten, Asien, Mittel- und Lateinamerika sowie in Australien und Neuseeland soll die Kurzwellen-Ausstrahlung der DW-Hrfunkangebote beendet werden." (via Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DXLD)

\*\* GERMANY [non]. RWANDA, Frequency change of Deutsche welle in English from Nov. 17: 2100-2200 NF 12070 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg WeAf, ex 11865 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 23 Nov via DXLD) should be good for us

\*\* GREECE. THE VOICE OF GREECE (ERA-5)  
B-10 Short-wave Transmission Schedule  
(Effective October 31, 2010 to March 27, 2011)  
-Every Day, Unless Otherwise Indicated-

	Avlis 1	Avlis 2	Avlis 3	
UT	(100 kw.)	(100 kw.)	(170 kw.)	Language
0000-0100	12105/226	7475/285	9420/323	Greek
0100-0200	12105/226	7475/285	9420/323	Greek
0200-0300	*12105/226	7475/285	9420/323	Greek

0300-0400	7450/226]	7475/285]	9420/323]	Greek
0400-0500	*7450/226]	7475/285]	9420/323]	Greek
0500-0600		7475/285]	9420/323]	Greek
0600-0700		*7475/285]	9420/323]	Greek
0700-0800		15630/285]	9420/323]	Greek
0800-0900		15630/285]	9420/323]	Greek
0900-1000		15630/285]	9420/323]	Greek (Daily+Sat)
0900-1000	Greek In Style	15630/285]	9420/323]	English (Sunday)
0500-1000	Radio Filia Foreign Language Programs			Sun+Daily Saturday
0500-0600	11645/002]			Albanian Greek
0600-0615	11645/002]			English Albanian
0615-0630	11645/002]			English English
0630-0645	11645/002]			English French
0645-0700	11645/002]			English Spanish
0700-0715	11645/002]			French German
0715-0730	11645/002]			French Russian
0730-0745	11645/002]			French Arabic
0745-0800	11645/002]			French Serbo-Croatian
0800-0815	11645/002]			Spanish Bulgarian
0815-0830	11645/002]			Spanish Polish
0830-0845	11645/002]			Spanish Romanian
0845-0900	11645/002]			Spanish Turkish
0900-0930	11645/002]			German Bangladesh
0930-1000	11645/002]			Russian Program
1000-1100	SILENT	SILENT	SILENT	
1100-1200	#9935/285]	15650/105]	9420/323]	Greek
1200-1300	#9935/285]	15650/105]	9420/323]	Greek
1300-1400	#9935/285]	15650/105]	9420/323]	Greek
1400-1500	#9935/285]	15650/105]	9420/323]	Greek
1500-1600	#9935/285]	*15650/105]	9420/323]	Greek
1600-1700	*#9935/285]	15630/285]	9420/323]	Greek
1700-1800	#7450/323]	15630/285]	9420/323]	Greek
1800-1900	#7450/323]	15630/285]	9420/323]	Greek
1900-2000	#7450/323]	*15630/285]	9420/323]	Greek
2000-2100	#7450/323]	7475/285]	9420/323]	Greek
2100-2200	#7450/323]	7475/285]	9420/323]	Greek
2200-2300	*#7450/323]	7475/285]	9420/323]	Greek
2300-2400	12105/226]	7475/285]	9420/323]	Greek

\*Transmission ends 10 minutes earlier

#ERT-3 Radiophonikos Stathmos Makedonias (Thessaloniki)

Daily maintenance at 1000-1100 UT

Weekly maintenance every Tuesday at 0800-1200 UT (Compiled by John Babbis, Silver Spring, MD, Nov 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GUAM [and non]. KTWR SW Transmitter Replacement blog:

<http://ktwrdm.blogspot.com>

(Sergei S., Nov 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

We referenced this previously but there have been a number of new entries, the latest Nov 15 including this:

``In the meantime, we send out a special thank you to FEBC in Saipan who aired some of our programming on Thursday and Friday so that our listeners would continue to hear their programs.``

?? Was this authorized? Details? KFBS tuned up their transmitters to KTWR frequencies and times? This could wreak havoc with accurate country logging and counting (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GUAM. 15320 KSDA, UT Sunday Nov 21 at 2230, AWR Wavescan opening theme, 2233 Jeff White narrating script about RCA and Rocky Point LINY; later the heavily struxured JSWC report. Good reception, better, I daresay than we normally get from WRMI itself, which only aims outward from CONUS (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GUAM. Re 10-46: Hi Glenn - AFN Guam (5765-USB) off the air Nov 22 (Ron Howard, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5765-USB, AFN, Ron Howard says was gone again Nov 22, but I can barely hear it Nov 23 at 1346, some music underneath heavy RTTY, which never used to bother this frequency. Perhaps some higher-priority military traffic is forcing AFN to get off?

How is their day frequency doing, which I have been remiss in checking since it's so far out of band? Aoki shows ``13362 AFN LOS ANGELES 2200-0800 1234567 English 3 ND Barrigada GUM 14449E 1329N`` while 5765 runs 0800-2200 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5765 USB, AFN, Nov 22 off the air. 1320, Nov 23 back again with military history and into C&W songs; fair. Erratic!

5765 USB, AFN, 1326, Nov 24 off the air (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Et n E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5765-USB, AFN missing again Nov 24 at 1348. Seems to be on one day, off the next, but sometime we fear it will stay off. Also looked for the daytime frequency 13362.5, which is supposed to start at 2200 per Aoki, but no sign of it Nov 23 at 2325. Is it really in use at all? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Still off Nov 25 (gh)

\*\* GUATEMALA. 4052.47, Radio Verdad, \*1112-1130, Nov 18, sign on with organ music. Spanish announcements. Religious music. Very weak in noisy conditions. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

4052.5-, R. Verdad, Nov 20 at 0602 amid national anthem before

closing, fair and clear signal. TGAV has decided to move to 4055 once a new crystal can be obtained, to facilitate tuning on 5-kHz-step receivers, and to be further from Kyrgyzstan and Missouri on 4050 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GUIANA FRENCH. UNIDENTIFIED. 15270-15275-15280, DRM noise Nov 23 at 1528, but nothing DRM scheduled in HFCC on any of these frequencies at any time! The DW is supposed to be on 15275 via Rwanda in German, analog.

Are there any reports of this in the DRMNA yg? Not since March 2008, when HCJB was using it! Is it on the current schedule here?

<http://www.drm-dx.de/>

No! Are there any reports in the adjacent fora? Not since Dec 2008. Altho HCJB did use 15280 exactly two years ago, but it is no longer in a position to do any DRMing from Ecuador. Thus the DRM movement again shows it is not really serious, carrying out tests from somewhere with no publicity, making its audience even more minuscule.

17875-17880-17885, more unscheduled DRM noise, Nov 24 at 1354, but gone at 1448 recheck. This plus yesterday's DRM on 15270-15275-15280 is belatedly explained by:

``FYI, today November 24th, a DRM transmission from MontsinÈry (French Guiana) to BrasÌlia is scheduled:

10.00-12.00 UTC on 15275 kHz  
12.00-14.00 UTC on 17880 kHz

Wishing you successfull listenings. 73 / regards. Jacques GRUSON F6AJW (Via drmna list via Alokesha Gupta, India, dxldyg via DXLD)``

So why is GUF transmitting to BrasÌlia, one or two days only? Some conference or DRM demo? It's a point-to-point service, so even more reason to put it in the fixed, not broadcast bands. And what was the programming content? Obviously, of no consequence (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* HONDURAS [and non]. 3250, HRPC, Nov 18 at 1156, usual M preacher in English, consecutively translated by W into Spanish, with het, but it went off in a minute clearing channel for HRPC only, no pause or ID at hourtop, but faded out by next check 1230. Het off at 1157 fits exactly for schedule of VOK's Japanese service, per Aoki, but it's supposed to resume at 1200, and one might expect them not to break transmission anyway (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* HONDURAS. 3250, Radio Luz y Vida, 0354-0357\* Nov 23, man announcer with Spanish talk prior to closedown ID and announcements followed by orchestra National Anthem. Fair (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton

E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* HONDURAS. 3339.97, Radio Misiones Internacionales, 0500-0519\*, Nov 21, several Spanish announcements but mostly continuous religious music. Abrupt sign off during religious music. Poor. Weak in noisy conditions. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

\*\* HONDURAS. 10024, Cenamer ATC (Tegucigalpa) 2219 Traffic with Aero Peru flight. 12 Nov (Don Moore, Michigan DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ICELAND. 8891, Reykjavik ATC 2253 Traffic. 13 Nov (Don Moore, Michigan DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDIA. Hi Glenn, Re AIR GOS 7550, Here's the schd you were looking for: <http://www.allindiaradio.org//schedule/ukweurope1.html>

AIR website was updated on 29th Oct with B10 schd & the link was posted in dxld. Here's the link:

<http://www.allindiaradio.org//schedule/fqsch.html>

Jose will update AIR B10 schd on his website once he comes back to Hyderabad, currently in south India attending his ailing father. I do not maintain any list. Regards (Alokesh Gupta, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re my previous remark about lack of accurate schedules from All India Radio: Alokesh Gupta refers us to this, where schedules are organized by target area, but no transmitter sites, powers or azimuths given:  
<http://www.allindiaradio.org//schedule/fqsch.html>  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDIA. 9870, Nov 23 at 1442, VG signal but fluttery from AIR VBS with traditional Indian music, sadly marred by IADs, which are less frequent but longer than those on VOI 9526-. Strangely, the other two AIR 31m frequencies, 9690 GOS, and 9425 National Channel, provided not even carriers, so altho their reception always diverges widely from 9870, I must conclude that two of the three, all supposed to be from Bengaluru, were really off the air. I think I had noticed signs of 9690 an hour earlier, however.

I had not read about the strike when making above observations. A major strike by workers at All India Radio has greatly disrupted broadcasts, with many SW frequencies off the air, and abnormal programming or fill music on those remaining. Alokesh Gupta, Jose Jacob and Ashok Satpathy have filed extensive reports about this on the dx\_india yg. At one point no AIR signals at all could be heard on

60m, and many MW channels were also missing, allowing DX to come in. The 48-hour strike is scheduled to end at 0330 UT Nov 25.

That explains why 9425 and 9690 were absent Nov 23, while 9870 remained, so I check them again on Nov 24 at 1349: 9870 fair but fluttery as usual with music. 9690 is also on with vocal music, and something on 9425, but can't tell if it's AIR. At 1411, 9690 S. Asian vocal music but suddenly cuts off at 1411:30\* while 9870 continues. At 1458, 9690 is back on and now it seems // 9870 during tabla. This would be quite abnormal, demonstrating that Bengaluru transmitters are just putting on fill music from the same source rather than individual programming (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7550 and 6280 had OC only at 2200 Tuesday Nov 23; guess this explains it. Hope the workers get what they need. Happy Thanksgiving to all celebrating and very 73 de (Anne Fanelli in Elma NY, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AMID CONTROVERSIES, AIR & DD STAFF TO GO ON 2-DAY STRIKE  
Indiatelevision.com Team (22 November 2010 4:55 pm)

NEW DELHI: All India Radio and Doordarshan transmission is likely to be affected for two days following the decision of the National Federation of Akashvani and Doordarshan Employees (NFADE), an umbrella organisation of 21 service associations of around 38,000 employees, to boycott duties from 9 tomorrow for 48 hours to protest against the "mess created in Prasar Bharati over the last two years."

Full story at :

<http://www.indiatelevision.com/headlines/y2k10/nov/nov181.php>  
(via Alokesha Gupta, Nov 22, dx\_india yg via DXLD)

#### STRIKE BY STAFF BADLY AFFECTS AIR BROADCASTS

The 2 day strike by AIR staff from 0330 UTC today has badly affected their broadcasts. Several stations are noted off air, some playing instrumental music instead of normal programs and some are on with carrier only. Here are my monitoring observations after 0330 UT (9.00 am) today 23 Nov 2010.

Our local station at Hyderabad the following frequencies are noted off air: 738, 1377, 7430, 101.9 & 102.8. Gyan Vani on 105.6 is also off air.

Only carrier of Chennai on 7270, 7380.

Trivandrum 7290 off air.

Instrumental music was heard on 7430 Bhopal for some time but now Cricket commentary is heard.

The External service is heard in Hindi on 13695 and 15075 via Bangalore as usual but 17715 and 11840 are off.

The Urdu Service on 7340, 9595, 11620 is also noted off air but is heard on 6155 via Bangalore.

The Vividh Bharathi Service on 9870 is playing instrumental music instead of normal programs.

So Bangalore is noted on 6155, 9870, 13695 & 15075.

So watch out for AIR stations for the next two days, i.e. till 0330 UT (9 am IST) on 25 Nov 2010.

If AIR transmitters are off for the next 2 days like this, it will be a good time to monitor other stations on AIR frequencies on MW/SW/FM which are normally blocked by AIR. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, Hyderabad 500082, India, ibid.)

6055, AIR Delhi Khampur heard with fair signal S=7 here in Europe, 2250 UT Nov 22, though lobe was in reverse direction at 132 degrees. Played Indian film music, station ID at 2300 UT and followed by English news. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, ibid.)

#### AIR STRIKE IN FULL SWING

As of afternoon today, 23 Nov 2010, most AIR stations are noted off air. Only Lucknow was heard on 7440 with instrumental music.

Vividh Bharathi on 9870 is also missing.

The following External services are also noted off air  
Urdu: from 0830 UT 7340, 9595, 11620  
Indonesian: from 0845 UT 15770 17510 17875

It's for the first time that I am noticing such effects of strike by AIR employees. On DTH the 10 channels which I used to get (like FM Rainbow, Radio Kashmir etc.) are also off air.

On Doordarshan TV channels programs are going on. The only abnormality that I noticed was that on Malayalam Channel Hindi programs are going on. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, Hyderabad 500082, India, Nov 23, ibid.)

AIR & DD off air

Chennai, Nov 23: Regional channels of DD in Tamil Nadu including 'Podhigai' and all AIR channels including Chennai A, Chennai B, FM and commercial channels went off air since morning, sources said. As part of their nation-wide strike, Employees of Prasar Bharati affiliated to National Federation of Akashvani and Doordarshan Employees (NFADE) here commenced a 48-hour "duty boycott" from today to press for various demands, including repeal of the Prasar Bharati Act.

More than 200 employees especially from programming, technical and engineering sections, who began their protest from 9 am, alleged that the "12 years of Prasar Bharati experiment" had "dented" the reputation of All India Radio and Doordarshan, NFADE sources said.

Regional channels of DD in Tamil Nadu including 'Podhigai' and all AIR channels including Chennai A, Chennai B, FM and commercial channels went off air since morning, sources said. AIR with 336 broadcasting centres and DD with a network of 60 production centres and 1,404 transmitters served 99.13 and 94 per cent of the country's population, they said. NFADE is an umbrella organisation of 21 service associations of around 40,000 employees working in AIR and DD (Arun Kumar via vuham list via Alokesh Gupta, ibid.)

Status of AIR stations heard here during strike on 23rd Nov 2010,  
0335-0500 UT: SW

4840 Mumbai Off Air  
4860 Kingsway Off Air  
4880 Lucknow On Air 0341 Inst. Music, Cricket comm abruptly went off at 0402. Film Songs, Commentary back at 0409  
4910 Jaipur On Air 0343 Inst Music, 0351 went off air  
5040 Jeypore Off Air  
6020 Shimla On Air 0346 Regional News  
6110 Srinagar On Air 0347 Hindi movie songs  
6155 B`lore On Air  
7430 Bhopal On Air 0409 Cricket Commentary  
9595 Khampur Off Air  
9870 B`lore 0405 Inst. Music  
11620 Aligarh Off Air  
11840 Khampur Off Air  
13695 B`lore On Air Hindi Talk Prog  
15075 B`lore On Air Hindi Talk Prog

MW

603	Ajmer	On Air
666	Delhi RC	On Air
747	Lucknow	On Air
819	Delhi IPC	On Air
891	Rampur	On Air

918 Suratgarh On Air  
954 Najibabad On Air  
1143 Rohtak On Air  
1368 Delhi VBS On Air

FM

102.6 Delhi FM Rainbow Off air at 0433, back on air at 0457 with Inst music, operating on low power

106.4 Delhi FM Gold On Air Carrying cricket comm

105.6 Delhi Gyanvani ON Air

Regards (Alokesha Gupta, New Delhi, ibid.)

#### AIR Strike - News Reports

AIR, DD employees on 48-hr 'duty boycott'

<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/115137/air-dd-employees-48-hr.html>

Aakashvani, DD employees to boycott duty

<http://www.assamtribune.com/scripts/detailsnew.asp?id=nov2310/city07>

Strike cripples AIR, Doordarshan operations in Kerala

<http://twocircles.net/2010nov23/>

[strike\\_cripples\\_air\\_doordarshan\\_operations\\_kerala.html](http://twocircles.net/2010nov23/strike_cripples_air_doordarshan_operations_kerala.html)

Strike threatens to black out Doordarshan

<http://www.livemint.com/2010/11/22233125/Strike-threatens-to-black-out.html?h=B>

Mangalore: Broadcasts Hit - AIR-DD Employees on Do or Die Battle

[http://www.daijiworld.com/news/news\\_disp.asp?n\\_id=90265](http://www.daijiworld.com/news/news_disp.asp?n_id=90265)

(all via Alokesha Gupta, ibid.)

With ref. to the AIR strike, here are my monitoring observations of 23 Nov 2010 evening/night.

60 meter band: not even one AIR station heard!

On SW only Vividh Bharathi is heard on 9870 via Bangalore with instrumental music instead of regular programs.

External Services not heard since 0700 UT.

MW is almost empty, only the following stations heard.

747, Lucknow Music only

774, Shimla

918, Suuratgarh?

1053, Tuticorin External Service

1143, Rohtak

1584, Unid AIR

On local FM at Hyderabad :

101.9 FM Rainbow Channel. only carrier noted

The Gyan Vani & Vividh Bharathi FM channels are off air on 105.6 & 102.8

73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India, Telefax: 91-40-2331 0287 Cell: 94416 96043, <http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos> <http://www.niar.org> ibid.)

#### AIR monitoring observations at night

I just spent an hour sitting outdoors with my manually tuned radio Philips portable and the situation is stunning! I have installed the internal ferrite antenna thus the sensitivity is much higher. I prefer this portable for outdoor listening.

In the absence of AIR I could get stations from as far as S. Korea in MW. In normal nights this only happens when AIR has signed off and we are able to receive ME and Eastern African TX.

SW is absolutely blank. My local VBS 100.80 MHz too is off air, but the private FM's using the same premise are continuing. Cheers (Ashok Satpathy, Nov 23, ibid.)

#### AIR monitoring observations of 24 Nov 2010 Morning

With reference to the strike by AIR staff, here are my monitoring observations of today morning (24 Nov 2010).

(Many stations are off air due to strike.) Short Wave:

9425, Bangalore National Channel. Continuous music instead of normal programs noted throughout night. Not even News was there. Signed off at 0040 UT.

6155, Bangalore. From 0015 UT Continuous music instead of normal Urdu External Service.

9870, Bangalore. From 0025 UT Continuous music instead of normal Vividh Bharathi Service.

Interestingly same music was heard on above 3 channels (May be music from the Emergency studio located at the transmitter site).

Other External Services from Bangalore were not heard.

No other AIR station was heard on SW by me today (except Bangalore).

**Medium Wave:**

The following stations were only heard by me (Only one station heard from South India!)

621, Patna Sign on at 0025 UT  
774, Shimla signed on at 0025 UT  
873, Jalandhar 0000 UT  
891, Rampur signed on at 0025 UT  
1052, Tuticorin 0000 UTC Continuous music instead of normal External Services in Tamil, Sinhala.  
1125, Udaipur signed on at 0025  
1143, Rohtak signed on at 0025 UT  
1296, Darbhanga signed on at 0020 UT  
1386, Gwalior 0025 UT  
1395, Bikaner signed on at 0025 UT  
1458, Bhagalpur? signed on at 0020 UT  
1584, Unid station signed on at 0025 UT

At 0030-0040 instead of news, only AIR tuning signal was broadcast by many stations.

**DTH:**

Only AIR FM Rainbow Delhi is back on air. Other 9 channels that I used to get is off air.

**FM:**

AIR stations & Gyan Vani at Hyderabad off air.  
Warangal 103.5 test tone noted.  
Alokesh Gupta informed that the FM channels are on air at Delhi.  
73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, Hyderabad 500082, India, ibid.)

All the MW channels of AIR Kolkata 657 kHz, 1008 kHz and 1323 kHz besides the sw channel 4820 kHz were still off the air on Tuesday 24th November 2010 at 1700 UTC. The AIR technicians had gone on a 48 hrs strike on Tuesday 23.11.2010 demanding a repeal of the "Prasar Bharati Act" which guides the way AIR Doordarshan TV should function as a corporate entity. The daily "The Hindu" reported that by Wednesday 23.11.2010 most of the AIR stations except some regional ones like Kolkata and Chennai had resumed operation (Supratik Sanatani, Kolkata, 1703 UT Nov 24, dxldy via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**TOI STORY:**

Mangalore: All India Radio (AIR) shut down  
<http://tinyurl.com/2fzc4uz>  
(Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dx\_india yg via DXLD)

AIR Strike - Observations on 23rd Nov at 1659 UT:

MW --- Only following stations were noted on air:

531, Jodhpur Inst. Music

576, Alappuzha Inst. Music (Press reports suggest 2 engineers working over there)

621, Patna Interval signal at 1731 UTC ? foll by Inst. music

747, Lucknow Inst. Music

765, Dharwad Carrier only

873, Jalandhar

Several MW stns from ME, Pak, Nepal & Bdesh were noted in the absence of AIR stns. FEBC via HLAZ Korea noted with New Dynamic English prog on 1566 kHz.

SW --- None of them noted on air except 9425 B'llore

FM

102.6 Delhi FM Rainbow On Air

106.4 Delhi FM Gold On Air

24th Nov 2010 0223-0330 UT:

MW: Only foll stn's were noted on air:

891, Rampur

1143, Rohtak

1386, Gwalior

SW: None of them noted on air except:

6155 Blore Inst. Music//9870

9870 Blore Inst. Music//6155

FM

102.6, Delhi FM Rainbow On Air with regular prog

105.6, Delhi Gyanvani On Air with regular prog

106.4, Delhi FM Gold On Air with regular prog

100.2, Patiala or Shrivpuri ? At 0302 IS was looped for 10 mins before started playing film music

101.3, Aligarh On Air with regular prog

102.1, Mussourie On Air with regular prog

(Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dxindia via DXLD)

Status of AIR stations heard here during strike on 23rd Nov 2010,  
1600-1630 UT:

MW

720, Chennai A Off Air  
738, Hyderabad Off Air  
783, Chennai C Off Air  
837, Vijayawada Off Air  
900, Kadapa Off Air  
927, Visakhapatnam Off Air  
936, Tiruchi A Off Air  
999, Coimbatore Off Air  
1017, Chennai B Off Air  
1089, Udupi Off Air  
1107, Gulbarga Off Air  
1161, Tiruvandrum Off Air  
1197, Tirunelveli Off Air  
1215, Pudducheri Off Air  
1278, Madurai Off Air

SW

4920, Chennai Off Air  
5010, Tiruvandrum Off Air

External Service

7420, CRI with strong signal instead of AIR Bengali Ext.

24th Nov 2010, 0140-0200 UT:

MW

720, Chennai A Off Air  
738, Hyderabad Off Air  
783, Chennai C Off Air  
837, Vijayawada Off Air  
900, Kadapa Off Air  
927, Visakhapatnam Off Air  
936, Tiruchi A Off Air  
999, Coimbatore Off Air  
1017, Chennai B Off Air  
1089, Udupi Off Air  
1107, Gulbarga Off Air  
1053, Tutucorin On Air, but not in regular programme schedule.  
1161, Tiruvandrum Off Air  
1197, Tirunelveli Off Air  
1215, Pudducheri Off Air  
1278, Madurai Off Air

SW

4760, Portblair Off Air  
4800, Hyderabad Off Air  
4820, Kolkatta Off Air  
4840, Mumbai Off Air

4860, Delhi Kingsway Off Air  
4880, Lucknow Off Air  
4920, Chennai Off Air  
5010, Tiruvandrum Off Air

External Services on SW:  
7270, Sinhala with music 222  
11740, Sinhala with music 333  
11985, CRI in strong instead of AIR Sinhala

FM  
100.5, Kodaikanal off Air  
101.9, Tiruvandrum off Air  
102.1, Tiruchi off Air  
102.5, Dharmapuri off Air  
103.3, Mdurai off Air  
105.6, Tirunelveli Gyanvani off Air  
(Jaisakthivel, Tirunelveli, India, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9425, AIR Bengaluru - National Channel, 1407, Nov 24. Evidence of the ongoing AIR strike was their broadcasting non-stop subcontinent music; no regular programming at all (1430 no news in English; 1435 no iVividhai Wed. program in English). Unable to hear any AIR regionals on 60m (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Some of the news stories published in the Indian Newspapers and in the online portals:

Voice of dissent: Members of the NFADE protesting in front of Akashvani in Mysore on Tuesday.

AIR, DD employees on strike  
<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/blnus/27231391.htm>

AIR, DD operations hit as employees strike work  
<http://www.newkerala.com/news/world/fullnews-90510.html>

AIR, DD operations affected due to strike by technical staff  
<http://www.hindustantimes.com/News-Feed/newdelhi/AIR-DD-operations-affected-due-to-strike-by-technical-staff/Article1-630096.aspx>

AIR, DD on strike in Karwar  
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hubli/AIR-DD-on-strike-in-Karwar/articleshow/6977755.cms>

Strike hits AIR, DD operations  
<http://hindu.com/2010/11/24/stories/2010112451880300.htm>

AIR, DD services disrupted due to strike by technical staff  
<http://news.in.msn.com/national/article.aspx?cp-documentid=4611802>

AIR, DD operations hit as employees strike work (Lead)  
<http://news.webindia123.com/news/Articles/India/20101123/1637051.html>

AIR, DD employees on nation-wide strike  
<http://www.indiatoday.intoday.in/site/Story/120872/India/air-dd-employees-on-nationwide-strike.html>

AIR, DD staff to go on two-day strike next month  
<http://www.business-standard.com/india/news/air-dd-staff-to-gotwo-day-strike-next-month/111730/on>

AIR, DD employees on 2-day strike  
<http://www.facenfacts.com/NewsDetails/1483/air-dd-employees-on-2-day-strike.htm>

AIR, DD operations hit as employees strike  
<http://www.igovernment.in/site/air-dd-operations-hit-employees-strike-38804>

AIR, DD operations hit as employees strike work  
<http://sify.com/news/air-dd-operations-hit-as-employees-strike-work-news-national-klxuEnhgbh.html>

AIR, DD staff to go on two-day strike next month  
<http://www.indiandth.in/Thread-%09-AIR-DD-staff-to-go-on-two-day-strike-next-month>

(via Jaisakthivel, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Communication, MS University, Tirunelveli - 627012, India  
Visit: <http://www.dxersguide.blogspot.com>  
<http://www.sarvadesavaanoli.blogspot.com>  
Join: [www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sarvadesavanoli](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sarvadesavanoli)  
Mobile: +91 98413 66086, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AIR Strike - More news reports

Photo of striking employees at AIR Imphal  
<http://ifp.co.in/photofull.php?imageid=634>

Strike at AIR Port Blair - YouTube video  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Atg\\_bMpf7U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Atg_bMpf7U)

Radio, TV goes off air  
<http://www.risingkashmir.com/news/radio-tv-goes-off-air-3751.aspx>

Programmes go off air as Radio, DD employees go on strike  
<http://www.e-pao.net/GP.asp?src=29..241110.nov10>

Bangalore: AIR goes off air, first in 55 years  
[http://www.bellevision.com/index.php?action=news\\_diggest&type=791](http://www.bellevision.com/index.php?action=news_diggest&type=791)  
(via Alokesha Gupta, Nov 24, dxindia yg via DXLD)

25th Nov - Most of the AIR stn's were noted back on air during check at 0329-0400:

MW

603, Ajmer  
666, Delhi  
648, Indore  
819, Delhi  
873, Jalandhar  
954, Nazibabad  
1116, Srinagar  
1143, Rohtak  
1350, Jalandhar  
1368, Delhi VBS

SW

4860, Kingsway  
4910, Jaipur  
5040, Jeypore  
6020, Shimla  
6110, Srinagar  
6155, B'lore  
7270, Chennai  
7290, T'puram  
7340, Mumbai  
7380, Chennai  
7420, H'bad  
7430, Bhopal  
9870, B'lore  
11620, Aligarh  
13695, B'lore  
15075, B'lore  
15185, Panaji  
15770, Aligarh  
17715, Kahmpur  
17845, Khampur

Regards (Alokesha Gupta, dxindia yg via DXLD) What's it about? Earlier:

INDIA'S STATE-OWNED MEDIA EMPLOYEES TO "BOYCOTT DUTIES" | Text of report by Indian broadcast industry website [Indiatelevision.com](http://Indiatelevision.com) on 22 November

All India Radio [AIR] and Doordarshan [DD] transmission is likely to be affected for two days following the decision of the National Federation of Akashvani and Doordarshan Employees (NFADE), an umbrella organisation of 21 service associations of around 38,000 employees, to boycott duties from 9 tomorrow [23 November] for 48 hours to protest against the "mess created in Prasar Bharati over the last two years."

NFADE, which claims to represent various disciplines of AIR and Doordarshan working in 1800 stations/ kendras spread all over the country, has been struggling against the contradictions prevailing in Prasar Bharati Act 1990 and its relevance in the present scenario and seeking its repeal.

NFADE Chairman S Anilkumar said, "It had become a habit in Prasar Bharati to delay the salary for the employees up to the second week of the month, often disbursed only after the intervention of the Federation/ Associations. Maintenance of building and equipments are badly affected, apart from failure to upgrade equipment."

He said Doordarshan outsourced the production and coverage of Commonwealth Games to the British SIS live, which brought its own equipment and had now taken it back. NFADE had demanded in February 2009 that this responsibility could be handled by DD staff and could also have introduced High Definition TV, just as it had introduced colour TV at the time of the Asian Games in 1982. NFADE feels DD could have acquired the equipment from SIS Live.

The employees of AIR and DD "are highly agitated at having missed the opportunity for procuring HDTV equipments which should have ensured a real revolution of HDTV in India," he said. Source: [indiatelevision.com](http://indiatelevision.com) website, Mumbai, in English 22 Nov 10 (via BBCM via DXLD)

\*\* INDONESIA. 3325, RRI Palangkaraya 1408-1420 Nov 16. Jak pgm in progress; local programming (talk) at 1416 after the Jak relay ended. Fair signal but clobbered by band noise (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 50-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

\*\* INDONESIA. 4920, RRI Biak (tentative), 1158-1201 Nov 22, thanks to a tip from Bob Montgomery I arrived just in time to hear Song of the Coconut Islands before buried under co-channel Chinese station. Very poor but definitely SCI. Any other possibilities? (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

\*\* INDONESIA. 7289.84, RRI Nabire, 0600, fading-in with news by a man, then into local music. Has been irregular of late. 20 Nov (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDONESIA. 9526-, VOI, Indonesian vocal music processed with AutoTune but quite a different sound than the usual Western result, 1450-1505\* Nov 18, VG signal, IADs, occasional English IDs.

9526-, VOI not off the air this Sunday, Nov 21 at 1349, music with the usual IADs, one of them lasting a couple seconds.

9526-, Nov 23 at 1312 quick check to reconfirm VOI is doing another Exotic Indonesia hookup on Tuesday with RRI Banjarmasin, as Banj guy is taking turns with Jak announcer in news items. As always, interrupted by IADs, so I'm not going to put myself thru this, and have plenty else to monitor during this hour. Next check 1337, introducing this week's feature from Banjarmasin, still with IADs; and signal is not so strong today, bothered by ACI from 9530 Chinese, i.e. ChiCom jamming and/or VOA Philippines (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDONESIA [and non]. I tuned 9680 before 1100 and get this result:  
9679.997, RTI \*1058-  
9680.000, WYFR (off between 1050-1100)  
9680.010, CNR jammer \*1056-  
9680.020, UNID weak  
9680.050, RRI  
73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Nov 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* IRAN. 15550, VOIRI in Arabic, Nov 23 at 1416, poor but free of QRMilton, no sign of SSB; until later: see U S A (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* IRAN [non]. RUSSIA, Winter B-10 of clandestine Radyo e Rahoye Iran in Farsi: 1630-1730 NF 5825 ARM 100 kW / 104 deg WeAs Mon/Wed/Fri, ex 5840 A10 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 23 Nov via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DXLD)

\*\* JAPAN. 13650, NHKWRJ IS in well at an odd time, 2237 Nov 21. That's because they are about to open a 20-minute broadcast in Chinese, followed by three more third-hours until 2400 in Thai, Vietnamese, Burmese.

5955, NHK World R. Japan, Nov 22 at 1404 in English news, interrupted by musical stingers between items, meaning fewer items can be conveyed in the time available; mid ID 1405 as above, no longer inserting -- Network--, or is it optional; sufficient reception with some ACI from NZ 5950 especially during music. For Asia, as Japan blew off its North American English listeners at 1400. 1410 in discussion of Ireland's economy and the EuroZone (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* JAPAN [and non]. Since it's available via OKLA at a convenient time, I find myself watching NHK World Newsline on TV more than SW,

weekdays at 1700-1728 UT, and comparisons with NHK radio are unavoidable. Overall, the standard of English is much better on the radio! The TV anchor has a heavy accent, but he's a lot better than many of the academic 'experts' brought into the studio to read their carefully translated scripts, mostly with accents so severe they are hard to understand. At least they try, unlike 99.9% of Americans who couldn't speak more than three words of Japanese.

OTOH, the curvy weatherwomen later in the broadcast (is one of them pregnant? Time will tell) speak good English and some of them appear to be Americans, or semi-Japanese. This is the only way we can get any Oklahoma weather on OETA! NHK provides just E Asian, European and North American weather maps, where Celsius lives!

This is a good source of news about Japan and elsewhere in Asia, with clips coming in from other broadcasters such as BTV Bangladesh, MCOT Thailand, CCTV China. Beware: it's sumo season again, and there are also weekdaily reports on those matches, sometimes by an American guy, but back to a Japanese Nov 22.

Let not breaking news get in the way of local holidays: NHK World Newsline Tuesday Nov 23 contracted from 28 to only 10 minutes at 1700 UT via OETA OKLA, as has happened occasionally before. Usual anchor missing, replaced by an anchorette named Fukushima who speaks much better English, perhaps a semi-American. Lead story was the war between N&S Korea, but soon on to truncated other items, including very brief weather, just grafix, Sumo summary by the gaijin who has more of an Aussie than an American accent, and 1710 to filler from Kyoto, all about how and why wagashi are made, which I must admit was quite interesting and lovely to look at (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* JORDAN. 15290, Radio Jordan - Al Karama (listed), at 1217 on 11/10 in Arabic. Report by man on parliamentary elections, mentioning ridings [sic] in different towns, besides the capital, including Jerash and Aqaba. Time check at 1226, ID and news by man, then weather report by same speaker. No //is noted. News headlines to sudden sign-off at 1230. Fair to good. Also at 1203 on 11/12 with talk in Arabic by man; high noise level. Quite better signal at 1225 recheck carrying song by group. Nice ID by woman, musical bridge, talk by man on parliamentary elections. As usual, off in mid-sentence at 1230. After that, did not show up on 11810 (as Amman used to last year). Jordan is not heard regularly. The 11960 outlet, noted during UT morning hours in May and tentatively in September, has been missing for a while now. Same applies to familiar 9830 outlet (Victor C. Jaar, Longueuil, QuÈbec, IC-R75. Long wire, NASWA Flashsheet Nov 21 via DXLD)

\*\* KASHMIR [non]. 4870.00, R Voice of Kashmir, via Kingsway(p), 1508-

1530:50\*, Nov 09 (Nov 06 till 1535\*), talk in Dogri (p), reports with mentionings of Pakistan and Kashmir, ID "Radio Sedaye Kashmir" at 1511 and 1525, 1528 ann and closing with Indian string music and song, 45434 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, and Patrick Robic, Austria, DSWCI DX Window Nov 17 via DXLD)

Tentatively also heard at \*0229-0303, Nov 12, Kashmiri opening songs and talk by man and woman, CODAR QRM. Iranian jamming started \*0303. (Petersen, *ibid.*)

\*\* KOREA NORTH. Besides the het on Honduras 3250 until 1157, some other lowband signals were making it but only poorly Nov 18, better a semihour later: 2850 with soprano sing, 3480 with het vs the counter-revolutionaries (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KOREA NORTH. North Korean Radio Explains Clash  
November 24, 2010, 10:11 AM By ROBERT MACKEY  
[qslproducciones.castpost.com](http://qslproducciones.castpost.com)

On Wednesday, North Korea's international shortwave radio service, Voice of Korea, broadcasting in English to the outside world, put its spin on Tuesday's exchange of fire between the two Koreas across their contested sea border.

<http://thelede.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/11/23/a-line-in-the-sea-divides-the-two-koreas/>

As Steve Herman, a correspondent for Voice of America in Seoul, points out on Twitter, <http://twitter.com/W7VOA/status/7401947409682432> a subtitled recording of the North Korean broadcast was posted online by Martyn Williams, a technology journalist based in Tokyo.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnZxI3UGETo&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnZxI3UGETo&feature=player_embedded)

As Mr. Williams explains in a post about the recording on his blog, North Korea Tech, the radio report comes 24 hours after a similar report was carried in English on the Korea Central News Agency wire. The lateness of the report highlights the Voice of Korea's rigid daily programming, which changes only once per day. The report is very similar to the KCNA bulletin, although there are differences. It is either been rewritten for radio delivery or been translated from the original Korean by a different person.<sup>1</sup>

The radio broadcast does indeed make more liberal use of the term "puppets" to describe South Korean military forces than the English-language report posted online by North Korea's official news agency, KCNA. <http://www.kcna.co.jp/item/2010/201011/news23/20101123-19ee.html>

That said, both reports are striking for the belligerent tone captured

in the warning KCNA renders this way:

Should the South Korean puppet group dare intrude into the territorial waters of [North Korea] even 0.001 mm, the revolutionary armed forces of [North Korea] will unhesitatingly continue taking merciless military counter-actions against it.

That jingoistic declaration seems to reinforce an analysis of the clash mentioned on Tuesday in a previous Lede post on the shelling across the disputed maritime border.

<http://thelede.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/11/23/a-line-in-the-sea-divides-the-two-koreas/>

In an interview with the BBC, Brian Myers, an American expert on North Korea, suggested:

We need to keep in mind that North Korea is a self-described ‘military-first’ state – in other words, a state which justifies its existence not on the basis of any kind of economic promises or economic claims but on the basis of the claim to be the stronger of the two Koreas, the Korea that is standing up for itself. And when you have that kind of *raison d’être*, then you need military victories on a periodic basis – or, at least, provocations of the outside world.

Source: North Korean Radio Explains Clash <http://nyti.ms/hCEenM>  
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

\*\* KOREA NORTH. Voice of Korea, B-10

Arabic

1500	9990	11545	Near & Middle East, North Africa
1700	9990	11545	Near & Middle East, North Africa

Chinese

0000	13650	15100	Southeast Asia
0200	7220	9345	Northeast China
0300	13650	15100	Southeast Asia
0800	7220	9345	Northeast China
1100	7220	9345	China
1300	6185	9850	Southeast Asia
2100	7235	9345	Northeast China
2100	9975	11535	China
2200	7235	9345	Northeast China
2200	9975	11535	China

German

1600	6285	9325	Europe
1800	6285	9325	Europe
1900	6285	9325	Europe

### English

0100	7220	9345	9730	Northeast Asia
0100	11735	13760	15180	Central & South America
0200	13650	15100		Southeast Asia
0300	7220	9345	9730	Northeast Asia
1000	6285	9335		Central & South America
1000	6185	9850		Southeast Asia
1300	7570	12015		Western Europe
1300	9335	11710		North America
1500	7570	12015		Western Europe
1500	9335	11710		North America
1600	9990	11545		Near & Middle East, North Africa
1800	7570	12015		Western Europe
1900	7210	11910		Southern Africa
1900	9975	11535		Near & Middle East, North Africa
2100	7570	12015		Western Europe

### French

0100	13650	15100		Southeast Asia
0300	11735	13760	15180	Central & South America
1100	6285	9335		Central & South America
1100	6185	9850		Southeast Asia
1400	7570	12015		Western Europe
1400	9335	11710		North America
1600	7570	12015		Western Europe
1600	9335	11710		North America
1800	7210	11910		Southern Africa
1800	9975	11535		Near & Middle East, North Africa
2000	7570	12015		Western Europe

### Japanese

0700	621	3250	7580	9650	Japan
0800	621	3250	7580	9650	Japan
0900	621	3250	6070	7580	9650 Japan
1000	621	3250	6070	7580	9650 Japan
1100	621	3250	6070	7580	9650 Japan
1200	621	3250	6070	7580	9650 Japan
2100	621	3250	7580	9650	Japan
2200	621	3250	7580	9650	Japan
2300	621	3250	7580	9650	Japan

### Korean

0000 (PBS)	7220	9345	9730	Northeast China
0700 (PBS)	7220	9345		Northeast China
0900 (KCBS)	7220	9345		Northeast China
0900 (PBS)	13760	15245		Europe
0900 (PBS)	9975	11735		Far Eastern Russia

1000	(PBS)	7220	9345	Northeast China
1200	(KCBS)	6285	9335	Central & South America
1200	(KCBS)	6185	9850	Southeast Asia
1200	(PBS)	7220	9345	Northeast China
1300	(PBS)	6285	9325	Europe
1400	(KCBS)	6185	9850	Southeast Asia
1700	(KCBS)	7570	12015	Western Europe
1700	(KCBS)	9335	11710	North America
2000	(KCBS)	7210	11910	Southern Africa
2000	(KCBS)	6285	9325	Europe
2000	(KCBS)	9975	11535	Near & Middle East, North Africa
2300	(KCBS)	7235	9345	Northeast China
2300	(KCBS)	7570	12015	Western Europe
2300	(KCBS)	9975	11535	China

#### Russian

0700	13760	15245	Europe
0700	9975	11735	Far Eastern Russia
0800	13760	15245	Europe
0800	9975	11735	Far Eastern Russia
1400	6285	9325	Europe
1500	6285	9325	Europe
1700	6285	9325	Europe

#### Spanish

0000	11735	13760	15180	Central & South America
0200	11735	13760	15180	Central & South America
1900	7570	12015		Western Europe
2200	7570	12015		Western Europe

By time, including feeder frequencies 3560 or 4405:

0000	Chinese	13650	15100	3560	SEAs
0000	Korean (PBS)	7220	9345 9730	4405	NECHN
0000	Spanish	11735	13760 15180		CAm, SAm
0100	English	7220	9345 9730	4405	NEAs
0100	English	11735	13760 15180		CAm, SAm
0100	French	13650	15100	3560	SEAs
0200	Chinese	7220	9345 9730	4405	NECHN
0200	English	13650	15100	3560	SEAs
0200	Spanish	11735	13760 15180		CAm, SAm
0300	Chinese	13650	15100	3560	SEAs
0300	English	7140	9345 9730	4405	NEAs
0300	French	11735	13760 15180		CAm, SAm
0700	Japanese	621	3250 7580 9650	4405	J
0700	Korean (PBS)	7220	9345	3560	NECHN
0700	Russian	9975	11735		FE
0700	Russian	13760	15245		Eu

0800	Chinese	7220	9345			3560	NECHN
0800	Japanese	621	3250	7580	9650	4405	J
0800	Russian	9975	11735				FE
0800	Russian	13760	15245				Eu
0900	Japanese	621	3250	6070	7580	9650	4405
0900	Korean (KCBS)	7220	9345			3560	NECHN
0900	Korean (PBS)	9975	11735				FE
0900	Korean (PBS)	13760	15245				Eu
1000	English	6185	9850				SEAs
1000	English	6285	9335				CAm, SAm
1000	Japanese	621	3250	6070	7580	9650	4405
1000	Korean (PBS)	7220	9345			3560	NECHN
1100	Chinese	7220	9345			3560	NECHN
1100	French	6185	9850				SEAs
1100	French	6285	9335				CAm, SAm
1100	Japanese	621	3250	6070	7580	9650	4405
1200	Japanese	621	3250	6070	7580	9650	4405
1200	Korean (KCBS)	6185	9850				SEAs
1200	Korean (KCBS)	6285	9335				CAm, SAm
1200	Korean (PBS)	7220	9345			3560	NECHN
1300	Chinese	6185	9850				SEAs
1300	English	7570	12015			3560	WEu
1300	English	9335	11710				NAm
1300	Korean (PBS)	6285	9325			4405	Eu
1400	French	7570	12015			3560	WEu
1400	French	9335	11710				NAm
1400	Korean (KCBS)	6185	9850				SEAs
1400	Russian	6285	9325			4405	Eu
1500	Arabic	9990	11545				ME, NAF
1500	English	7570	12015			3560	WEu
1500	English	9335	11710				NAm
1500	Russian	6285	9325			4405	Eu
1600	English	9990	11545				ME, NAF
1600	French	7570	12015			3560	WEu
1600	French	9335	11710				NAm
1600	German	6285	9325			4405	WEu
1700	Arabic	9990	11545				ME, NAF
1700	Korean (KCBS)	7570	12015			3560	WEu
1700	Korean (KCBS)	9335	11710				NAm
1700	Russian	6285	9325			4405	Eu
1800	English	7570	12015			3560	WEu
1800	French	7210	11910				SAf
1800	French	9975	11535				ME, NAF
1800	German	6285	9325			4405	WEu
1900	English	7210	11910				SAf
1900	English	9975	11535				ME, NAF
1900	German	6285	9325			4405	WEu
1900	Spanish	7570	12015			3560	WEu

2000	French	7570	12015		3560	WEu	
2000	Korean (KCBS)	6285	9325		4405	WEu	
2000	Korean (KCBS)	7210	11910			SAf	
2000	Korean (KCBS)	9975	11535			ME, NAF	
2100	Chinese	7235	9345			NECHN	
2100	Chinese	9975	11535			CHN	
2100	English	7570	12015		3560	WEu	
2100	Japanese	621	3250	7580	9650	4405	J
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2200	Chinese	9975	11535			CHN	
2200	Japanese	621	3250	7580	9650	4405	J
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2300	Korean (KCBS)	7570	12015		3560	WEu	
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(via Arnulf Piontek, Berlin, Germany, Nov 16, tidied up by Glenn Hauser, for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KOREA NORTH [non]. JAPAN. 5910, Nov 19 at 1358 nothing there, but 1359 open carrier, in fact two as there was a SAH, but 1400 opening Shiokaze without SAH, or jamming yet, ex-5985. First three minutes with contact info for Sea Breeze in English, including website, e-mail, p-mail, phone number, all over piano music; 1403 into news theme and items about North Korea, English on Friday.

5910, Shiokaze, Monday Nov 22 at 1402, YL in Japanese this Monday, with piano music. No jamming audible against JSR, JAPAN, unlike 5890 vs VOA Korean.

5910, Shiokaze via JSR Tokyo, Nov 23 at 1404 this Tuesday it's in Chinese with usual piano background (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KOREA NORTH AND SOUTH. People have been asking me where to listen for news direct, on the current conflict. In North America, KBS World Radio in English is best heard at 1200-1300 via CANADA on 9650. Voice of Korea, from the North, has English hours at 1300 and 1500 on 9335 and 11710; also try English to Latin America at 0100 on 11735, 13760, 15180 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KOREA SOUTH. 6015, KBS Hanminjok Bangsong 1 (presumed) via Hwasong, 1312-1406, Nov 18. Very rare to find this in the clear (no jamming) for about an hour! In Korean; mostly two men & a woman in conversation; on air phone calls; pop and traditional Korean songs; ToH two sets of pips heard (Korea and China); almost fair; underneath very light QRM from PBS Xinjiang (// 4330); rechecked at 1414 to find them totally covered by N. Korean jamming (Ron Howard, Asilomar

State Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ron is spot on, The North Korean jammers were unusually silent last evening. I was hearing the clandestine from the South in the clear last evening on both 6518 and 6600. They are usually swamped by white noise which spreads out from both channels. It sounds identical to the jamming on 6015 and 6003. The jamming on 6348 was there but not as potent but the clandestine wasn't. This was from 1215 to 1245.

Propagation was very good last night (November 18) with amateurs coming in very well from east coast NA between 7.1 and 7.2 MHz (Robin Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, Radio Monitor, SWLR-KS001, ibid.)

\*\* KOREA SOUTH [non]. KBS World Radio to Africa in French --- From Dec 1, KBS World Radio will be on 6165 to Africa at 2100-2200 in French via Issoudun. 3955 to Europe via Skelton remains in //. Regards (JM Aubier, France, Nov 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

What about Croatia? What about Chad? Will RNT be driven back to 4905? (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Between Nov 25 and Nov 30; KBS World Radio will conduct tests on 6165 at 2100. 73 (JM Aubier, Nov 24, ibid.)

\*\* KURDISTAN. 3930v (3928.76-3930.91), R Voice of Kurdistan, Sulaimaniya, Northern Iraq, new schedule: \*0145v-0330v\*, Nov 06, 07, 09, 11, 12 and 14, non-stop Kurdish pop songs, 0200 Kurdish ID: "Era Radyo Dengi Kurdistana", martial song of Kurdistan (duration 2 min. 46 sec.), 0202 ID, muslim recitation, 45444, \*0203-0335\* Iranian jamming; long political talks about Iran, not // 3970v! 0330 ID again and sign off, 32432. Also heard fading in at 1420-1530\*, Nov 07, in Kurdish and probably Farsi as usual. The jammer was constantly on the frequency and signed off at 1535\*, 23222. (Petersen)

3970v (3970.05-3971.04), Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan (New station), \*0225-0415, Nov 06, 07, 09 and 11, Kurdish popular song, 0230 clear ID in Kurdish: "Era dengi Kurdistani Iraq" before the jamming started, martial song of Kurdistan (duration 2 min. 40 sec.), muslim song, political talks about Iraq, but also mentioning Iran and Kurdistan, and songs, 0400 probably Farsi. Heard // 4890, but was delayed on 3970 with about 30 seconds! The old frequency of Voice of Iranian Kurdistan has been reactivated with a different target! Jammed from \*0231 by Iran, but on Nov 07 the jammer stayed on 3980 all the time! 42432 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Nov 17 via DXLD)

Also audible in Finland with bubble jammer fading in already at 1230, Nov 10 (Mauno Ritola, ibid.) But not heard in Denmark on 3970 and 3980

at 1420-1600 (Petersen, ibid.)

\*\* KURDISTAN. 4870/4880.56/4890.08 (jumping frequencies to avoid jamming), Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, Salah Al-Din, Northern Iraq, \*0300-0415, Nov 06, 07 and 12, Kurdish talk and songs, 0344 ID: "Aira dangi Kurdistan Irana", talk mentions Kurdistan; at 0405 jumped to 4890.08 in mid-song. But the Iranian jammer stayed all the time on 4870! 35333 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Nov 17 via DXLD)

Also heard at 1330, Nov 10, maybe signing on? (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

\*\* KURDISTAN. CLANDESTINE (Iraq), 3931v, Radio Voice of Kurdistan (presumed), 0307-0320 Nov 22, man talking in presumed Kurdish under heavy jamming and some amateur radio operator splatter. Very poor and only intermittent (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* KURDISTAN. 3970.04, 0303-0335, CLANDESTINE, 17.11, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, Salah Al-Din, Northern Iraq Kurdish ann, political talks about Iran and songs, very clear as long as the Iranian jammer stayed on 3980 45333 Heard // 4870, but 3970 was 12 seconds delayed! But at 0330 the jammer arrived to 3970 resulting in 43332. AP-DNK

4870.78, 0245-0335, CLANDESTINE, 17.11, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, Salah Al-Din, Northern Iraq. Kurdish martial songs, 0254 ID by woman: "..... Kurdistan Irana" followed by a martial song QRM CODAR and a strong tone which at 0259 became the Iranian jammer 32432 Heard much better on // 3970. At 0330 the clandestine jumped to 4885, followed by the jammer also disturbing R Clube do Par..

3931.07, 0208-0235, CLANDESTINE, 21.11, R Voice of Kurdistan, Sulaimaniya, No. Iraq Kurdish talk and Iranian jamming 42442 AP-DNK

3970.00, \*0226-0233, CLANDESTINE, 19+21.11, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, Salah A-Din, No. Iraq. Kurdish ID: "Era dengi kurdistani Irana" after trumpet IS, jamming started on 3975 at 0230, but at 0231 jumped to 3970 42442 // 4890 (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, where the winter is approaching tonight with snow and frost. My receiver is the usual AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

\*\* KUWAIT [and non]. 9750, Nov 20 at 1352 Qur'an, mixing with Japanese from NHK Yamata, 1400 into ME music and Arabic talk, I think, so presumed Kuwait as scheduled 1100-1600, 300 kW, 275 degrees; rather

than Malaysia, 100 kW, 150 degrees. Between 12 and 16 all three are registered here per HFCC.

9750 with Qur'an is definitely Kuwait, not Malaysia. Nov 22 at 1340 signal is very poor mixed with Japan/ese but I start to monitor 21540 where Kuwait mixes with Spain, also very poor, but in a few minutes at 1343 I can hear a match. (What happened to the dramas in Arabic that used to appear around 1330?).

9750 could be long or short path, aimed 275 degrees from Kabd, while 21540 is certainly short. Since there is no sign of a third station on 9750, now we wonder if Malaysia is really active on that frequency then, or at any time? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency change of Radio Kuwait in Arabic:

1600-2200 NF 6080\*KBD 500 kW / non-dir N/ME, ex 6050  
\*co-channel Belarussian Radio HS in Belarussian+VOA in English  
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 23 Nov via DXLD)

Could detect a carrier on 15540 at 1805 November 22nd, very weak audio. Went to Global Tuners, using an Icom PCR-100 15 km South of Vienna heard indeterminate talk in English at 1815, faded up at 1817 with "you have been listening to the series..." and then faded down again. At 1826 recheck heard music, then at 1830 nice fade up and heard time pips, last one elongated and "This is Radio Kuwait, the time is 9.30 p.m. local time" (Mike Barracough, Letchworth Garden City, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15540, 22/Nov 1840, in English. Sequence of pop music. At 1907 YL talks between short music Arabic. At 1916 pop Arabic music and 1921 pop American music. 25332 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia, 12 14°S 38 58°W, Brasil, ibid.)

15540, glad to have reports from Mike Barracough, England, and Jorge Freitas, Brasil, that R. Kuwait is still audible with English, checked between 1805 and 1921 UT Nov 22. So I try again Nov 23 at 1902: not even a carrier making it here (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I heard a "drama" yesterday on 21540 - but unfortunately I didn't log the exact time. 9750 is certainly in parallel. Thanks to Mike and Jorge for the details of their activity on 15540. It is registered thus: 15540 1800 2100 27,28 KBD 150 310. Only 150kW[!] and to western Europe, but the frequency should really be lowered to either 11 or even 9 MHz in B-10 (Noel R. Green (NW England), Nov 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* LAOS. 6130, Lao National Radio, 1147, poor with big sideband slop,

but partially readable in LSB. Seems to be the only active outlet from Laos at the moment, with both Sam Neua (4412v) and the External Service (7145) untraced. 19 Nov (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* LIBYA [and non]. 17800 NF, two signals mixing, Nov 23 at 1410; one is in German, so it can't be from Germany, but probably is from DW, and the other one conveniently IDs immediately in English as ``Voice of Africa''. Yes, Libya is missing from 17725, has moved to 17800 where it collides with Deutsche Welle, at this hour and the next, 250 kW, 80 degrees from Sines, PORTUGAL. By 1451 still a mix with VOA atop, but at 1532 German was atop. 17725 is otherwise unoccupied, no reason in the world to leave it; // is still on 21695, much weaker today, and 17800 has the usual rippling Libyan modulation.

No, 17800 is not one of the frequencies TDF has imaginatively registered for Libya via Issoudun: 1400-1600 English is claimed to be on 21675, 21695, the latter instead of Sabrata, which we do not believe.

If Libya is also using 17800 for Swahili at 12-14, as it did 17725, that too collides with DW, but via Rwanda in French and Hausa.

17800, V. of Africa for second day here instead of 17725, but never overcoming its already occupant, Deutsche Welle: Nov 24 at 1353, just CCI under DW, and // 21695, so evidently this does also apply to the 12-14 Swahili from Libya. At 1424 and 1448 chex, VOA English is still way under DW German on 17800. So should DW move to 17725 if Libya won't stay on that clear frequency? Both are broadcasting to Africa so it's bound to be a huge clash there (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST) And still 17800 on Nov 25

\*\* MADAGASCAR. 5010, Radio Madagasikara, \*0255-0316 Nov 23, opening rap music followed by a man announcer with opening ID, several announcements before starting music program. Fair to good signal (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* MALAYSIA. 5030, RMS now managing to provide some music and talk audio, Nov 20 at 1340, poor vs Cuba 5025. Still, it's the OSOB from Asia. Now it has some competition from Radio Free Sarawak, yet to be heard here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MALAYSIA [and non]. 9750, Nov 21 at 1349, Qur'an is atop NHK Japanese, and some flutter. Yesterday I assumed Kuwait more likely,

but having consulted Aoki, I now assume Malaysia is as likely since it says the RTM program in A10 at 08-10 and 14-16 was Voice of Islam, alternating with Voice of Malaysia at 06-08, 10-14, 16-18 --- altho this was 11 minutes too early by that schedule. Perhaps further monitoring here, or from further west can resolve which be which. Maybe I can even compare it to Kuwait shortpath on 21540 vs Spain (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) I did, and it is KUWAIT, q.v.

Hi Glenn, Nov 22 at 1308 on 9750, found a fairly strong PBS Nei Menggu (Mongolian Service) in // with 7270. NHK was somewhat weaker underneath China. On the very bottom and completely unusable were perhaps two other stations. In the past I have occasionally heard R. Suara Islam on 9750 after 1400 and clearly in // with 6049.6v and 6175.0 (under CNR1), but has been a few weeks since I last checked. (Ron Howard. Asilomar State Beach, CA, Nov 22, DXLDyg via DXLD)

V. of Malaysia used to be heard mixing with NHK on 9750 at around 0730/0830 but I only hear NHK currently. Their 15295 is heard, but does not seem to propagate well at that time, and this registration perhaps explains why: 15295 0400 0930 55,58-60 KAJ 250 133 degrees (Noel R. Green (NW England), Nov 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MALI. 5995, Radio Mali, 2352-0001\* Nov 21, two men talking in French language with some laughter. Group singing followed by another man announcer mentioning ``bon soir --- beaucoup --- nacional [sic] -- - Bamako ---` with ID and closedown announcements followed by orchestra National Anthem. Fair (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* MAURITANIA. 7245, Radio Mauritanie - Nouakchott at 2211 on 11/11. Talk by W then M in Arabic. Fair. Also at 0040 on 11/13. Male singer accompanied by oud; talk by man, more monotonous singing. Several speakers, male and female, mentions of Mauritania and Mauritanian people. No pause or pips at 0100. A lot of talking, with a very long presentation by man. Just before the hour, a man heard in what appears to be a local Arabic dialect (noted on other occasions as well), followed by another speaker in plain Arabic; no pause at top of hour; continued past 0200 when I tuned out. Maybe stays on longer on Fridays. Fair most of the time (Victor C. Jaar, Longueuil, QuÈbec, IC-R75. Long wire, NASWA Flashesheet Nov 21 via DXLD)

7245, Radio Mauritanie (Nouakchott), 2239-2301, 11/18/2010, Arabic. Talk by a man. Sounded like a speech or a lecture. A few bars of local music at 2300, then what appeared to be news by a man. Moderate signal with little fading (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, Random

Wire (90'), ALA100M Loops (16' and 20'), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7245.00, 2320-2330, 19.11, R Mauritanie, Nouakchott. Arabic songs and ann. Here instead of 4845. 53443, Splashes from Voice of Russia in English (9+30 dB). Best 73, (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, where the winter is approaching tonight with snow and frost. My receiver is the usual AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

RTM 7245 kHz at 0543 UT tune in with very long Qur'an reciting in Arabic. Very Good November 21/10. Kenwood R5000, Several beverages and 4-30 MHz Log Periodic antenna. 73 (Mick Delmage with Don Moman and Nigel Pimblett, Alberta, Nov 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7245, Radio Mauritanie, 0050-0058\*, Nov 24, Arabic talk. Local guitar music. Vocals. Abrupt sign off. Good (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

Eastern North America MW DXers may now check 783 for // 7245; if not, but Arabic, it would be SYRIA (gh, DXLD)

\*\* MEXICO [and non]. See FRANCE [non], XEPPM relays RFI --- Hola Glenn: Recuerdo que Radio EducaciÛn y RFI han suscrito convenios desde hace varios aÛos; considero que lo que escuchaste fuÈ un programa producido efectivamente en RFI presentado en XEPPM como parte de su programaciÛn regular. Lo que no estoy seguro es que RFI presente con alguna frecuencia programas producidos en Radio EducaciÛn. Saludos, (Juli·n Santiago Díez de Bonilla, DF, Nov 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MYANMAR. Re 10-46: Hi Ron, Rather belatedly, below is the schedule I monitored for Myanmar in Sept 2010. I agree that the off-channel SW frequencies are probably from Yangon.

There are actually two off-channel units, as both are on air from 0830-1000 (5986v and 9731v). It's possible that the third "on-channel" SW transmitter in Yangon (otherwise on 7200 for two parts of the day) is used on 5985 occasionally in place of the off-channel unit during early mornings and late evenings. Regards, Alan

National Sce:

0030-0730: 576, 594, FM 98.0

0230-0730: 9731v

0930-1630: 576, 594, 5986v, FM 98.0

Includes English prgr: daily 0230-0330, 0700-0730, 1530-1630

Padauk Myay Sce:

2300-0130: 711, 5986v, FM 100.0

0730-1000: 711. 9731v, FM 100.0

1130-1530: 711, FM 100.0

Minorities Sce:

?2330-0530: 5915 (sign-on time not confirmed because of QRM)

0730-1330: 5915

Distance Education Sce:

1330-1530: 729, 5915

?Yangon Sce (I suppose that's what it must be - no confirmation yet)

2330-0530: 729

0040v-0300: 7200

0730-1500: 729

1010v-1230: 7200

Transmitter locations (SW sites assumed from audio delays):

576 Yangon 200 kW

594 Naypyidaw 200 kW

711 Naypyidaw 400 kW (ex-693 kHz)

729 Yangon (power unknown, probably 100-200 kW)

5915 presumed Naypyidaw 50 kW

5986v presumed Yangon 50 kW

7200 presumed Yangon 50 kW

9731v presumed Yangon 50 kW

FM 98.0 and 100.0 Yangon area; there are probably further FM frequencies for Naypyidaw also.

Defence Forces Broadcasting Station, Taunggyi:

0030-0430, 0830-0930, 1130-1530: 5770

(Alan Davies, Asia, Nov 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MYANMAR/BURMA. 5985.83, Myanma Radio, 1603 + 1627-1630\*, Nov 24.

EZL music; in English; 1629 National Anthem. Thanks to Alan Davies for his recent observations confirming this as their current schedule (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NETHERLANDS [non]. Re 10-46: RNW Arabic

Re. "We no longer broadcast on shortwave in Arabic." ---

Apparently already for a full year, since at a glance a single Kigali outlet still shows up for B09 but nothing anymore already for A10. And nobody even noticed that they were gone. A pretty short-lived revival, and apparently a futile one. (Somewhat closer look at this story still pending.) (Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, it's not a full year at all. In A-10 we were hearing Arabic from RNW, and discussed with Andy how the transmission stayed on weekends

even tho it was just filled with music. This is the latest reference I can find, offhand, 2010:

``11850, V. of Africa on new frequency, July 17 at 2102 in Arabic seemingly ponderous religious talk, not Qur'an recitation, music bits. ACI in Spanish from WYFR 11855. Good signal but modulation somewhat rough. Looked for VOA // 9880, but not heard; instead, at 2114, RNW's weekend Arabic-music-fill on 9860 via RWANDA. That could be mistaken for a real Arab station (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

and before that:

``9860, Arabic music and then talk about Hollandia, good signal April 12 at 2120. It's the new A-10 frequency for RN via RWANDA during this hour at 325 degrees, tho missing from Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)`` (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

--- Apparently the broadcasts have been taken off shortwave at some point during the A10 season, and not before July, so perhaps as of Aug 1st at the earliest.

<http://www.rnw.nl/english/article/rnw-frequency-schedule-summer-2010> suggests that the airtime on the Kigali and Trincomalee transmitters has afterwards been used for Dutch instead.

The schedule of WRN Arabic still includes RNW, so it seems that the programmes are still being produced and only their distribution on shortwave ceased, as it is the case with DW Arabic which is off shortwave since the B09 season.

By the way, Meyerton 1900-2000 on 11830 was in use during B08, when RNW had revived Arabic radio after a break of 14 years. In other words, it was an entry from two years ago (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NETHERLANDS [non]. 15280, Nov 21 at 2229, boards creaking and doors squeaking, other sound effects, pauses past 2231. 2232 Indonesian mentions ``elektro-akustik``. Good signal but has squeal on carrier to add to the mystique. Not // 11550 R. Australia via Taiwan, so must be R. Netherlands. Yes, this is one of two transmissions on their schedule via SAIPAN, 1234567:

2159 2257 SAI 15280 225 31-10-2010 27-03-2011 100 RNW Ind INDONce  
0759 0827 SAI 15750 180 31-10-2010 27-03-2011 100 RNW Nld eAU/INDONE

One should monitor the additional three minutes before hourtop/bottom, in case like other IBB relay deals, they get a bonus of two more sesquiminutes in some other language (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also BONAIRE

\*\* NEWFOUNDLAND. 3485-SSB, 0620 Nov 20, immediately after New York Radio [see USA], ``This is Gander Radio, time 0620 zulu'', with VOLMET. I am paying attention to the mixture of units: winds in knots, ceilings in unspecified units but sound like feet; visibility in miles. Not giving any temps or altimeters yet, as starts with 2- to 24-hour ``temporary'' conditions, i.e. forecasts (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ha! Okay Glenn, it's post 01 Apr 1949, this should be Canada, eh? MET (& VOLMET) in North America is indeed a bit of a dogs breakfast for units of measurement.

When I were a lad, err, Flight Service Specialist, we noted some strangeness in this during training. Our class in weather observing had us measuring and estimating cloud base height in metres and thousands of metres. The atmosphere and range above the earth surface, certain families of clouds (Cumulus & Stratus, Alto xxx, Ciro xxx) was broken into metres and of course 1000s of metres, or kilometres. Fine.

Then, when entering the data on the form (in 1989), we had to convert this to a Code. Having had a classmate essentially returning to the aeronautical service from coast guard radio helped. He goaded me into working out what the Code was. Umm, turned out to be thousands of feet. That is what most folks switched their observing judgment to once we were checked-out at a station.

Another interesting Code was entered at the tail end of the weather report comments. Having made an official switch years before from Fahrenheit to Celsius we apparently lost some degree (sorry) of fine information of temperature for climate record purposes. So we were adding tenths or some bit of it, I forgot now.

Air pressure was certainly given to pilots in any airport advisory in Inches of Mercury, however this was a Code on the weather report, the official entry being in hectopascals (equivalent to a Millibar), however given over the telephone to the local radio station, for public broadcast in kilopascals. Mmm.

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/meteo-weather/default.asp?lang=En&n=108C6C74-1#wsACC45987>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pascal\\_%28unit%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pascal_%28unit%29)

Summary: In North America we do use temps in C, aerodrome visibility or RVR (runway visual range) in Statute Miles (thank you)(sigh), barometric pressure in Inches of Mercury, Ceilings in thousands of feet (thank you again, for your large, influential population ; ).

TAF, Terminal Aerodrome Forecast, was FT, Terminal Forecasts.  
METAR, is the Aviation Regular weather, was SA, Station Actual.

<http://www.dxinfocentre.com/volmet-wx.htm> shows his own display format for these at the foot, which is a handy aide de memoire.

Oh, here are the NOAA docs on this change over. Hmm, much what I noted.

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/wdc/metar/index.php?name=faq>

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/oso/oso1/oso12/document/guide.shtml> and Aviation Weather Services Guide [PDF]

[http://www.navcanada.ca/ContentDefinitionFiles/Services/AWS/AWS\\_Guide\\_EN.pdf](http://www.navcanada.ca/ContentDefinitionFiles/Services/AWS/AWS_Guide_EN.pdf)

In training for provision of weather briefings we were taught to provide it in order of Fiction and Fact -- Forecasts (Area (was FA, now GFA) & Terminal) was Actuals/Observations (hourly & specials).

Other countries and regions switched, and switched a long time ago, in many areas to metric units. Now folks are used to it. We, North Americans including Canadians, are still stuck between systems.

I use metric to understand/buy, gasoline, packaged/canned goods, bulk food, sliced sausage/cheese, backpack volume, ski length/width/sidecut, temperature, highway speed and distance, lots of mapping, wind when ashore, water depth on some charts. Imperial for meat, spuds, other vegetables, fruit, draft beer, height/weight/other dimensions of people, water depth on some charts. Nautical for wind speed afloat/aloft/long shore, water/air distance, vessel speed, water depth on some charts. 73, John ñ (J. D. Erskine, Victoria, BC, VA70TC/VE0JD, CN88hk NA036 ODXA yg via DXLD)

\*\* NEW ZEALAND. 5950, Nov 23 at 1347, RNZI ending Tradewinds show mentioning Tahiti, engineered by Myra Oh; good signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NIGER. 9705, La Voix du Sahel, 2047-2115 Nov 21, indigenous vocals followed by a man and woman with French talk over instrumental music. ID at 2100 followed by instrumental music. After a vocal selection, the woman began talking phone calls from listeners. Poor to fair reception (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

9704.99, LV du Sahel, Niamey, 2050-2201\*, Nov 21, French talk. Afro-pop music. Euro-pop music. ID at 2059. Phone talk with interviews. Qur'an at approximately 2154. Sign off with 5 seconds of their flute IS followed by choral National Anthem at 2159. Fair signal. Sign off is scheduled for 2200 on Sundays only. All other days sign off is at 2300 (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX Listening Digest)

[9705], La Voix du Sahel is there but schedule seems to be somewhat complex and/or erratic. Today Nov. 22nd off at 0703\* and heard again before and after 1700. Identifiable by time pips approx. 10 seconds delayed, both 0700+1700. On Sat and Sun it was on much after 0700. Yesterday evening, Sun 21st, it was widely heard by A-DX members between 1900 and 2201, but not before. On several days last week, between 1800 and 1900 the frequency was completely clear. No ETHIOPIA heard on this channel recently. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST) But it's back now, q.v. (gh)

9704.99, LV du Sahel, 2100-2205+, Nov 24, French talk. Local flute at 2154 and tribal music. French talk. Afro-pop/rap music. Fair. Weak under Ethiopia prior to 2100 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NIGERIA [non]. 7350, still trying to hear whether R. Nigeria, Abuja is still here, vs the QRM. Sat Nov 20 at 0611, a very weak carrier could be it. No sign of BBC French via Skelton, which B-10 is supposedly scheduled 0600-0630 daily, 300 kW, 195 degrees. Perhaps they have left in deference to Nigeria, or not really daily? Other Eurafsigs were in well, Vatican on 7360 to 0627\*, Tunisia 7335 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I tune over the 7 MHz band almost every morning between 0700 and 0800 and I have not heard Nigeria 7350 recently - I don't think this month - and no other weak and unidentified signals elsewhere have been traced so far. It could be due to the lack of propagation of what was a weak signal, or maybe it's faded out by then. Maybe the contributor to dxld living in Nigeria could let us know if it is still on air. (Noel R. Green (NW England) Nov 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NORTH AMERICA. PIRATE, 6925 usb, Voice of Kaos, 0240-0258\* Nov 22, special broadcast for French Creek DXpedition with several IDs, Gmail address, Cisco Kid and Those Were the Days songs; off with theme music to Get Smart. Poor. Noted again on Nov 22 at 2228-2235 with ``Those Wee the Days`` and ID and Gmail address by male host in English with repeat of special French Creek DXpedition broadcast. Poor (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1390, Nov 18 at 1736 UT I am about 20 miles south of Enid, and astonishingly am hearing co-channel QRM under local KCRC, only one hour before low noon. This time of year on hiband it's conceivable that residual skywave could be in play, e.g. from KGNU Denver CO, 5 kW ND, where it is a semihour earlier by the sun, but

there are 1390s, one or two in every state adjacent to OK, the closest being 5 kW KFFK Rogers AR, and 500 W KNCK Concordia KS. Those two and most of the others are non-directional but KCRC main lobe is 280 degrees day and night, evidently to protect Rogers, and diminishing its own signal to the south (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)  
See also UNIDENTIFIED 1340

\*\* OKLAHOMA. Talking houses of Greg Winkeljohn continue to be missing from the Enid X-band on 1670, but now there's a new one from someone else, on 1690:

Nov 22 at 1921 UT in central Enid I hear a YL voice loop on 1690. She speaks slowly and clearly with some long pauses. Spends as much time promoting the TH concept as about the axual house broadcasting on this frequency. Details: Samantha Sabedra of Smith Real Estate, claims to be the only realtor (here) offering this service, plus a free video about TH.

Now she's pushing 3509 McClaflin Drive, which is in the Pioneer school district (rural SE of Enid), on a school bus route. Phone 580-354-7279. I had never heard of this street but found it on a city map and got correct spelling. It's in a development at the SE corner of Enid, S of Owen K. Garriott = US 412, and east of 30th Street.

No website announced, but I found her here, so also spell her name right: <http://www.samanthakennington.com/default.html>  
The address above is not among the 13 Featured Homes linked therefrom.  
Nor is there anything about TH on the website.

I vaguely recall hearing her a couple years ago in a previous talking house spate. Yes, in DXLD 8-095, '1570 kHz, around 2000 Aug 28, 2008, found new talking house at 1330 West Elm' voiced by the same Sam.

Altho it is not on the way to anywhere I normally go, no doubt eventually I will get out to 3509 McClaflin and make the usual inspection for antennas, evaluate Part 15 strength. Since it has a good signal halfway across town, I suspect it is excessive. OTOH, on the west side of Enid it is losing out, and once skywave is starting to kick in by 2112 UT, Denver and Chicago are atop 1690. Heard alone, the signal seemed clean, on BFO-less caradio, but as QRM to broadcasters it sounds a bit mushy like Winkeljohn's 1670 transmitters.

[and non]. 1690, checking for Talking House on home rig, Nov 23 at 1336 UT, I am not hearing it, just WVON claiming there is only one place to go for seafood in Chicago, which I find unlikely in such a megacity. But there is NO place to go in Enid for seafood in particular, except as an add-on to Chinese restaurants. Yesterday's reception could have been a test from Smith Realty's office in central

Enid at 528 N Van Buren, rather than the house cited/sited in far SE Enid? But at 1730 with no skywave, Samantha's spiel is again audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Enjoy your Talking House logs in the Enid area. I'm sure few care but I always enjoy hearing them (it's been a very long time since this area had any active ones) and then DFing. They can be X-band pests but the good thing is they virtually always have a short shelf life (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, ibid.)

\*\* OMAN. 15140, I seek the English broadcast most mornings between 14 and 15, usually without result, only traces, and/or OTHR, SSB QRM, but Nov 22 at 1433 it's barely making it, YL with English news, VP tho metering S9+10 peaks, only problem being bits of splat from WYFR 15130. Occasional words readable, such as at 1436 about SE China coal mine rescue of 29, but do they include any news about Oman itself?? 1438.5 starts mixing music with talk, and 1440 OM says ``Radio Sultanate of Oman presents ---`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PAKISTAN. 11510, Radio Pakistan, 1155 13 Nov, Interval signal followed by YL in Chinese followed by ME-style music. Listed in Chinese. Weak & fluttery (Don Moore, Michigan DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PALAU. See SARAWAK [non], Radio Free Sarawak

\*\* PAPUA NEW GUINEA (New Guinea Territory), 3365, Radio Milne Bay, 1204-1218 Nov 22, woman announcer with news. Island music program began at 1208 hosted by a woman announcer. Poor signal (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA (New Britain Island), 3385, Radio East New Britain, 1209-1223 Nov 22, woman announcer with news in English. News ended at 1215 and music program began. Poor (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3905, R. New Ireland, 1333-1404\*, Nov 24. In Tok Pisin; DJ playing island pop songs; IDs for iN-B-C New Ireland; 1402 children singing anthem; mostly poor (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Radio Fly (presumed), 5960 kHz from 1611 and still in at 1635 with pop music and the odd announcement too weak to make out. Lots of tunes I recognize from 60's and 70's. Poor November 21/10, Kenwood R5000, Several beverages and 4-30 MHz Log Periodic antenna. 73 (Mick Delmage with Don Moman and Nigel Pimblett, Alberta, Nov 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PERU. 4754.92, Huanta 2000, Spanish, 1010, presumed with huaynos and talk by man. Thought I heard "Radio Huanta" ID but not 100% sure. First heard 19 November and several nights since. Nothing on 4747v.

5120.35, R. Ondas del Sur Oriente, 1025, presumed with huaynos. Very poor copy under OHR. 21 Nov (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PERU. 4824.5, La Voz de la Selva, 1103-1124 Nov 23, man announcer with Spanish talk, ID and TCs hosting morning music program. Poor to fair signal with heavy CODAR QRM marring reception.

4974.8, Radio Pacifico, 0238-0253 Nov 23, romantic Latin vocals hosted by a man announcer with Spanish talk, ID and announcements. Poor (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* PERU. 6019.26, Radio Victoria, Lima, 0835-0840, Nov 18, usual emotional preacher. Weak but readable. Very weak // 9720.06 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

18058-, Nov 24 at 1519, JBA carrier with bits of modulation at peaks, i.e. R. Victoria, Lima, 3 x 6019.3+ (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PHILIPPINES. 9435, Nov 20 at 2228 ``Jesus Saves`` IS, and opening Indonesian from FEBC Manila, VG signal. Rechecked a few minutes later at 2236, heard YL preacher with muezzin in background, as if Christianity is overriding Islam, a bit insensitive (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PHILIPPINES. Frequency changes of Radio Veritas Asia from Nov. 21: Hindi

0030-0057 NF 11730 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg SoAs, ex 11710 Sinhala  
0000-0027 NF 9720 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg SoAs, ex 9865 avoid VOR Port.  
Zomi-Chin

0130-0200 NF 15255 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg SEAs, ex 15520  
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 23 Nov via DXLD)

\*\* PHILIPPINES. 11730, 18 NOV, 1730 UT, Radio Pilipinas in Tagalog with male announcer reading news headlines. EIBI says this should be English and AOKI doesn't list it. Great. Powerhouse signal with no QRM and minimal fading (Al Muick, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m longwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* POLAND [non]. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: 9650 Polish Radio; \*1800-1822+, 18-Nov; English News From Poland, Polish Press Review & Euronet Diplomatic Bag; several IDs. Came on abruptly at 1759:56 with concertina tune. SI0=554 (Harold Frogge, MI, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* RUSSIA. Reception in London of VOR's evening transmissions in English on 7330 and 7290 is rarely better than fair and is often poor. By far the best time to hear VOR is between 00.00-01.00 on 6240, which is beamed to North America. (Roger Tidy, UK) Nov 18 WORLD OF RADIO 1540,

\*\* RUSSIA [and non]. VoR Reduces Its SW Output -- Starting November 15, 2010, these VoR's transmissions have been canceled:

#### ASIA

Hindi 1300-1400 and 1500-1600, Urdu 1400-1500, English 1600-1700 on 11630 kHz

#### MIDDLE EAST / N.AFRICA

Arabic 1700-2000 on 7400

#### EUROPE

Spanish 2100-2200, Portuguese 2200-2300 on 5920

#### SOUTH AMERICA

Portuguese 0000-0100, Spanish 0100-0600 on 6135

#### AUSTRALIA / SE ASIA

English 0800-1100, Russian 0600-0800 and 1100-1200 on 17650

#### CENTRAL ASIA

Russian 1200-1600 on 12025 and 1700-2200 on 12035

Source: DXing.ru (via Sergei S., Nov 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

All except the last entry to Central Asia are/were via Dushanbe and, according to previous information originating with Vadim Alexeyev, were radiating 1000 kW, although they are registered with the HFCC as 500 kW. Whatever, someone's electricity bill must be less than it was! The two Russian language outlets on 12025 and 12035 are registered as Samara 250 kW, and according to the list sent out by Alexey Zinevich

were due to close on Dec. 31st anyway. BUT, one has to wonder why decrease AM transmissions that "everyone" can hear, yet increase DRM that only few can hear (Noel R.Green (NW England), *ibid.*)

Some Ukrainian listeners are complaining, since VoR's canceled transmissions for Central Asia used to provide the SW reception for VoR Russian in Ukraine (Sergei S., *ibid.*)

Cancelled frequencies for Voice of Russia from Nov. 15:

0600-1200 on 17650 DB 500 kW / 120 deg SEAs in Ru/Ru/En/En/En/Ru  
1200-1600 on 12025 SAM 250 kW / 117 deg CeAs in Ru  
1300-1700 on 11630 DB 500 kW / 100 deg SoAs in Hi/Ur/Hi/En  
1700-2000 on 7400 DB 500 kW / 070 deg N/ME in Ar  
1700-2200 on 12035 SAM 250 kW / 117 deg CeAs in Ru  
2100-2300 on 5920 DB 500 kW / 300 deg SoEu in Sp/Port  
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 23 Nov via DXLD)

\*\* RUSSIA [and non]. 9440, Nov 24 at 1407, big hum/buzz over barely audible non-English talk, seems S Asian. Per listings this has to be YFR in Assamese at 14-15. HFCC says 300 kW, 110 degrees from Armavir, while Aoki says 200 kW, 147 degrees from Krasnodar, which is really another name for the same site. EiBi sides with HFCC as Armavir. But, tnx to the Russians, the poor Assamese are having to strain to hear the nonsense propagated by Harold Camping's minions (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* RUSSIA [and non]. 6075, DW German via Sines and Woofferton, Nov 24 at 0619 for once without motorboating QRM from R. Rossii, Petropavlovsk/Kamchatskiy. I figured hi-latitude paths were sufficiently degraded to wipe it out temporarily. However, at 1335, 6075 R. Rossii is just about motorboat-free during music, then Russian announcement, but with BFO, carrier is still unstable. No doubt it's only a temporary respite. 8GAL followed at 1400: see UNIDENTIFIED (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* RUSSIA [and non]. VOLMET logs 13 Nov:  
8888, Novosibirsk Volmet 1240 YL Russian wx.  
8888, Syktyvkar Volmet 1232 YL w/ Russian wx.  
11297, Rostov Volmet 1555 YL Russian wx. Very weak.  
11318, Samara Volmet 1245 YL Russian wx. Fair & clear signal.  
11318, Tyumen Volmet 1250 YL Russian wx. // 8888 also in.

UZBEKISTAN, 8819, Tashkent Volmet 1252 YL Russian wx // much weaker 6730 (Don Moore, Michigan DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SAIPAN. The Robert E. Kamosa Transmitting Station, 9715, carrier seems OK now, but Russian modulation of R. Svoboda still defective, Nov 21 at 1345, some breakup and IADs; sounds like lo-quality internet

feed. This and Tinian come up for bids every few years, and the same private contractor keeps getting renewed (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SAO TOME. 4940, Voice of America, Pinheira, 2006-2023 Nov 22, man announcer in English hosting The African Beat. Several IDs including a jingle and some program previews also mentioning on 88.3 FM in Kampala, Uganda. Dedication for a listener in Nigeria was played. Fair signal (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* SARAWAK [non]. An interesting article on Radio Free Sarawak was found in 11/15 edition of ``Hornbill Unleashed``

<http://hornbillunleashed.wordpress.com/2010/11/15/11885/#more-11885>

Sarawakians in the interior of the state will now have an alternative source of information with the Radio Free Sarawak beginning transmission today. The broadcast is being transmitted out of London, and consists of only one hour of programming from 6.30 to 7.30 am Sarawak time on the short-wave frequency 7590 kHz. The same news, current affairs and commentary programme will be repeated the same day from 6-7 pm local time on 15869 [sic] kHz.

According to one of the organisers, Ong Boon Keong, the content will be produced by local NGOs and community leaders in Sarawak and sent to London to be transmitted. ``We started this project a few months ago. We had our first test broadcast this morning, and found there were still improvements to be made in terms of clarity,`` he said when contacted. He said many people in the interior of Sarawak get news via short-wave radio, which is largely defunct in developed parts of the world. ``We found that many use short-wave radios to tune in to RTM broadcasts,`` he said, adding that Radio Free Sarawak intends to fill the gap created by one-sided content from the national broadcaster. It is understood that this is not the first attempt to bring foreign-transmitted local content into Sarawak. However, previous attempts were unsuccessful.

``15869`` kHz is a miscopy of 15680 kHz. Web page of Radio Free Sarawak is found at <http://radiofreesarawak.org> with podcasts, and contacts (Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, Nov 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7590, Radio Free Sarawak --- Tentative reception on the 17th from 2304 to 2330\*. Noted initially with a very unstable signal, fluttering at s5 to s6 level; but virtually any distinctive audio. Managed to catch a female speaker in unidentified language at 2306, musical melody at

2310. Most of the program was bits and pieces of few words here and there, male speaker, again unidentified language, at 2316, orchestra melody (or anthem at 2327). 2329 female speaker with talk or possible sign-off announcements as there was a short slogan just prior to the station going off the air at 2330. This station appearance may improve but hopefully some one on the west coast can positively identified if it's them (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, best heard a Hustler 5BT Vertical, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Decided to give a listen this evening (Nov. 19). First tuned in on 7590 at 2223 and heard only a carrier, no audio. Thought I heard some audio at 2230 but not sure. Definite audio by 2232, but very weak. By 2234 audio had come up quite a bit with definite man talking. Over the next hour the audio came and went, at times almost nothing there, although the carrier strength remained fairly level. The signal was weak to fair (around S7) but very heavy and fast flutter on the signal made it pretty much impossible to make out any words.

At around 2326 the audio came up quite a bit (still not intelligible). Heard talk and some sort of musical notes, then carrier off at 2330. This would seem to jive with the reported schedule (John, name unknown, location unknown in Canada, Nov 19, ODXA yg via DXLD)

7590, Radio Free Sarawak. Heard them as well, on the 19th, but at 2238 with a great signal, about s5-s6 level. OM with commentary talks in Bahasa Malaysia about Malaysia and India, and the social injustices in Malaysia, mention of a 2002 conference in Kuching. This was apparent interview over a phone line from the studio.

At 2243 the audio disappeared, no fade-out, just disappeared, then came back on at 2249 (studio link down?). By 2252 the signal was again becoming quite unstable and I was hearing two signal paths from about 2256 to about 2310. At first I thought it was QRM but it was the same speaker but a delay of a few micro-seconds (long and short paths).

Unfortunately the signal slowly deteriorated to almost poor by 2314. Did manage to catch bits of the ID at 2329:40 and off at 2330. Best heard on the trap-sloper, then switched to the 150 foot longwire for quieter conditions. Did get about 5 minutes of recording time on a new digital recorder, but I hoping to catch them at their sign-on (the best chance). Will keep-on trying (Edward Kusalik in Daysland, Alberta, Nov 20, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

Today (Nov 19) just remembered to check 7590 at 2329 with about 30 seconds to spare. Several Radio Free Sarawak IDs, mention of web site RadioFreeSarawak.org and om mention "to stay with us every day from 6:30 am right up to 7:30 am in the morning", 1 kHz tones and s/off 2330. Good signal, no interference. Log was at ~340 deg, no time to

check if another direction (i.e. long path) might have been even better (Don Moman (Lamont, AB), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Everyone, 20/11/10, From 10 until sign off at 11 UT, 15680, R. Free Sarawak very weak but many IDs "Radio Free Sarawak" with English and Malay. Better in usb as very weak. It did peak up at times but only in Malaysian and no IDs. 73' (Mark Davies, Anglesey, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

CLANDESTINE - 7590, R. Free Sarawak (presumed), 2259-2330\* Nov 20. Talk in unID lang to 2307, then dead air to 2309; a long telephone talk/interview followed; again, could not determine lang, as the signal was not quite strong enough. Peaked at "almost fair" around 2310, then went downhill; off at 2330 (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 50-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Radio Free Sarawak was heard in London on Saturday evening (20 November) from 2258 to 2330 close-down with fair to poor reception on 7590. Although mainly in presumed Malayan, there was a long English interview with a Mr Wong speaking about electoral malpractice and corruption. The audio levels of the various programme items were poorly balanced (Roger Tidy, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TAJIKISTAN (presumed), Radio Free Sarawak, 2230 UT, 7590 kHz with sign on in language? Mentions of Radio Free Sarawak. Interview in English 2312-2322, Sign off after frequency announcements at 2330. Very Good, November 20/10. Very good today November 21st from 2230 to 2330. Beam best NW of here. Kenwood R5000, Several beverages and 4-30 MHz Log Periodic antenna. 73 (Mick Delmage with Don Moman and Nigel Pimblett, Alberta, Nov 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I also listened last evening just before closing time. Signal here in northern Tasmania was very poor as well. The signal was in deep QSB and audio only appeared in short grabs. It was in English with an announcer who had a Singaporean accent. Also suspect it was a telephone hook up. Signal level was unreadable making it difficult to follow what the announcer was saying. Station seemed to abruptly sign-off with a single pip.

15680, 1057 November 19, "Voice of Free Sarawak" (presumed). Talk in English but could only get the odd word. Male announcer with definite Singapore accent. (I know what a Singaporean sounds like as I have several local friends from there, compared to a Malay speaking English.) Audio went off at 1100 with a pronounced single pip (Robin Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, Radio Monitor, SWLR-KS001 Nov 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There was no sign of V. of Free Sarawak tonight on 15680. A carrier was there weakly but no discernible modulation (Robin Harwood VK7RH,

Norwood, Tasmania 7250, Radio Monitor SWLR-KS001, Nov 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Today Radio Free Sarawak was again very weak at 2230 s/on, 7590, here in south-central BC. Slightly better at 2300 but still not understandable (Harold Sellers, BC, Nov 21, dxldydg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

If not mentioned already, Aoki shows Radio Free Sarawak 7590 and 15680 as 100 kW via Dushanbe-Yangiyul, Tajikistan (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, Nov 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7590 might be via Dushanbe; however 15680 is via T8WH Palau (it's parallel with the audio feed on the World Harvest Radio web site at 1000-1100) 73s (Dave Kenny, UK, ibid.)

CLANDESTINE (Malaysia), 7590, Radio Free Sarawak, 2234-2330\* Nov 21, Man announcer in Bahasa Malaysia interviewing another man from remote location with phone connection with numerous mentions of ``Malaysia''. Vocal selection followed by discussion by two men in studio. Several nice IDs, mention of ``Malaysia Today''. A few musical selections but program mainly consisted of talks about Malaysia. ID and ``bye-bye'' at sign off with light instrumental music until carrier cut. Poor to fair (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

7590, first time I am looking for R. Free Sarawak, scheduled 2230-2330 from secret site, Nov 21 at 2255, only a weak signal with flutter, but seems like dead air and/or then undermodulated. Did not get any better by 2305. Presumed this, as nothing else yet scheduled in this frequency-hour. Could it be via Angel 4, PALAU, already known to be site for the other broadcast at 1000-1100 on 15680, since Alan Pennington soon heard that // on the Angel 4 stream? Now I check WHR online schedules, to find:

Angel 4:

1000-1100 5:00-6:00 AM Su,Mo,Tu,We,Th,Fr,Sa Radio Percuma 15.680 MHz

Percuma? That's a new name for it. What does Percuma mean? I Google translate it first in Indonesian, and get ``useless'' --- then in Malay and get ``free'' --- so much for the two languages being almost identical! This must amuse Indonesians. Maybe the full ID in Malay is ``Radio Percuma Sarawak'' or ``Radio Sarawak Percuma'' --- the c is probably pronounced like tj or ch as in Aceh; altho they say they are mainly using the local language Iban.

But schedule for the same transmitter reminds us it is occupied by R. Australia during this hour, on 13590, which I also heard today:  
2200-0000 6:00-7:00 PM Su,Mo,Tu,We,Th,Fr,Sa ABC Radio 13.590 MHz  
And Angel 3 is otherwise accounted for with WHR programming on 9930.

Steve Lare points out that Aoki already shows 7590 as via TAJIKISTAN, but also for 15680, the latter certainly not correct. Considering the poor reception here, Tajikistan could certainly be right for 7590, but who knows for sure? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7590, Nov 22 at 2230 I am standing by for R. Free Sarawak (Percuma), but there is only an extremely weak signal, and it gets no better past 2300 or at 2325, hardly any modulation detectable, presumably Tajikistan site. The other airing, 1000-1100 on 15680 via Palau is a bit inconvenient for those who sleep (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SARAWAK [non]. TAJIKISTAN (non [sic]) Radio Free Sarawak in Bahasa Malay-new station from Nov. 15:  
2230-2330 on 7590 DB 100 kW / 117 deg SEAs. Good reception in BUL  
1000-1100 on 15680 DB 100 kW / 117 deg SEAs. Poor reception in BUL  
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 23 Nov via DXLD)

DX Mix News continues to use the (non) terminology far out of keeping with the logic I apply to it, which requires me to reprocess their stuff in order to appear in DXLD. Since the 7590 broadcast apparently does emanate from Tajikistan, that country is NOT a non. It is SARAWAK which is non. However, we have already plenty of evidence that the 15680 transmission is axually via PALAU. Thus one may put them both together under SARAWAK [non] (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dx Mix News # 652 correction  
Radio Free Sarawak in Bahasa Malay-new station from Nov. 15:  
2230-2330 on 7590 DB 100 kW / 117 deg to SEAs  
1000-1100 on 15680 HBN 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs, not DB 100 kW / 117 deg (Ivo Ivanov, Nov 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7590, another check for R. Free Sarawak (Percuma), presumably via TAJIKISTAN, Nov 23 at 2325, but only a JBA carrier here. It is being reported sufficiently from Europe, 2230-2330 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Today I found them (Radio Free Sarawak) for the first time at 1000 on 15680 kHz. Lots of noise, but readable. Disappeared more and more and were out after 1030. 73 from (Björn Fransson, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SAUDI ARABIA [and non]. 15435, collision at 1456 Nov 23 as BSKSA OC is already on and 1456.5 adds Arabic modulation. Meanwhile it is making fast SAH with some station playing vocal music, but that stops at 1457\* leaving frequency to Riyadh. It's Vatican's Urdu service from SMG direct, so if BSKSA would wait one minute longer, there could be a clean transition and make a fine show of ecumenism. BTW, in MS Word you make the combined œ by control/shift/ampersand and then œ, however it may appear now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SLOVAKIA. . . .According to the second annex to the contract, the state will co-finance 9,511 educational, religious, documentary and other programmes. The funds will also be used to finance foreign broadcasting in six languages distributed through satellite and the Internet, provided by Radio Slovakia International. These funds are not assigned for producing news and publicist programmes. . . [more]  
<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/slovak-radio-signs-agreement-with-government-on-financing-for-2011>

(Source: SITA website, Bratislava, in English 1342 gmt 19 Nov 10 via BBC Monitoring via Media Network blog via DXLD) So continues but no mention of SW (gh)

\*\* SLOVAKIA. 6090, IRRS - Rimavska Sobota, 1924-2000\* Nov 22, Tony Alamo with a female accomplice with religious sermonizing and answering listeners questions with much political talk mixed with his religion. IRRS ID and contact information for a QSL at end of transmission: ``This is I double R S Shortwave in Milano, signing off.'' Fair (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* SOMALIA [non]. UAE/U.K. UNID / DAM\* in Somali via BABCOCK  
0400-0500 on 15700 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAF  
0500-0700 on 15700 DHA 250 kW / 205 deg to EaAF  
1830-1930 on 11740 WOF 300 kW / 122 deg to EaAF  
1930-2130 on 11970 DHA 250 kW / 205 deg to EaAF  
\*DAM=Damman from Arabic=Security. {"Radio Damal" wb.} (R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 22 via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DXLD)

\*\* SOMALIA [and non]. Radio in Somalia --- BAR-KULAN  
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/africa-mideast/ignoring-death-threats-somali-broadcaster-lets-the-music-play/article1801909/>

How do you create a radio network in the world's most dangerous country, where war is raging, journalists are killed, and Islamic extremists have banned music, sports and women's voices on the

airwaves?

If you're the organizers of Somalia's newest radio station, you ignore the death threats and defy the bans. You broadcast plenty of music and soccer matches — and you hire female announcers, too.

The new station is Bar-Kulan (the Somali phrase for 'meeting place'), which this year became the first non-partisan radio broadcaster in Somalia.

Because it refuses to obey the extremists, its 50 employees must take precautions for their safety. They often use pseudonyms and voice-overs to protect their identities. And while the station has a network of correspondents across Somalia, along with an FM transmitter in Mogadishu, its main studio has been placed in neighbouring Kenya, where it can operate a little more freely.

Their listeners must be equally cautious. If they live in areas of Mogadishu controlled by the extremist militias, they often secretly listen to Bar-Kulan on earphones or cellphone radios, giving the impression that they're merely having a phone conversation.

"They could get into trouble for listening to us," says Farah Lamaane, program co-ordinator at Bar-Kulan. "They are warned by the extremists not to listen to Bar-Kulan, but they still do. They know how to survive. So they are listening quietly and discreetly."

Funded by the United Nations with a \$1.7-million budget this year, the station has insisted on scrupulous independence, covering all sides of the conflict and refusing to take orders from anyone — not even the African Union military forces that guard the besieged government in Mogadishu. The military asked for three hours of daily coverage of its activities, but the station refused.

"Nobody can tell us what to broadcast," Mr. Lamaane says. "It's up to the Somalis. It's up to us."

In a country ravaged by war for the past 20 years, radio is the most popular medium. Somalia is still largely a rural society with an oral culture. Literacy is low, electricity is scarce, and infrastructure has been largely destroyed by decades of war. Radio has a long history in Somalia and it remains crucial to the national culture.

Yet radio in Somalia is under assault. The extremist Islamic militias have seized radio transmitters and shut down radio stations that they dislike. When they banned music this year, most radio stations obeyed. Some used the sounds of gunfire or car horns to replace music. Bar-Kulan was one of only two stations that refused to obey the anti-music

edict.

For journalists, Somalia is one of the most hostile countries in the world. In past two years alone, 11 journalists have been killed in Somalia. Many people refused to accept jobs at Bar-Kulan when they discovered that it required frequent travel into Somalia.

There are many radio stations in Somalia, but most are loyal to local clans or officials, and some openly engage in hate speech. The government station, Radio Mogadishu, is seen as a propaganda organ that lacks credibility. Bar-Kulan, by contrast, covers the news on all sides, even the extremists. Its only rule is that it promotes peace, tolerance and reconciliation.

Launched eight months ago, Bar-Kulan now broadcasts 24 hours a day on FM, along with two hours a day on shortwave. It also offers live streaming on its website, mostly for the Somali diaspora in countries such as Canada. About a quarter of its employees are female.

Its music programming is drawn from a unique archive of about 6,000 Somali songs, ranging from Kinaan (the Somali-Canadian pop singer) to more traditional songs. Much of its programming is youth-oriented, since nearly half of Somalia's population is younger than 15.

During the World Cup this year, Bar-Kulan was the only Somali radio station authorized to broadcast the matches. It was a coup that dramatically boosted its audience ratings, although its soccer announcers and analysts could not afford to travel to South Africa, where the tournament was played, broadcasting instead from the studio, where they watched the matches on television.

The station also carries a regular series of religious programs by Islamic leaders, including quotations from the Koran that emphasize the themes of tolerance and harmony.

The extremist militias are furious at the music, the sports and the female announcers on Bar-Kulan's airwaves. "All of us receive threats by e-mail and telephone," Mr. Lamaane says. "We just ignore it. Nothing has happened to us so far. It is in the hands of God."

The founding director of Bar-Kulan is a Canadian radio consultant, David Smith, based in Johannesburg, who previously helped to create radio networks in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Central African Republic. He jokes that the extremist militias in Somalia probably consider him "the Great Infidel." But he believes strongly that information is a human right — and in Africa it is usually radio that supplies it.

*iRadio is king on this continent, he says. These are oral cultures, and the infrastructure and people are poor.*

Although it provides 16 newscasts a day, Bar-Kulan does not try to be too weighty. Music and sports are central to its programming. *In any war zone, people need to laugh and be entertained,* Mr. Smith says.

In the future, Bar-Kulan aims to be a national public broadcaster, with transmitters across Somalia. It will use cheap cellphone communications — text messages from its listeners — to gather feedback and ensure that it is providing what Somalis want to hear.

*We can provide a platform for ordinary Somalis to express their feelings,* Mr. Lamaane says. *Our ideas are purely from Somalis.*

(via Robert Wilkner, Nov 17, DXLD)

\*\* SOUTH AFRICA. 6225, RTE Radio One via Meyerton, 2016-2030\* Nov 22, two men with discussion talking about security forces. Program ended at 2020 followed by filler instrumental music. ID at 2028 ``RTE Radio One part of the World Radio Network``) followed by a woman with news until carrier was terminated. Poor to fair (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 15495, Brother Scare again via GERMANY, Nov 18 good signal in the 1400 hour, aimed USward? Typo yesterday about the presumed closure, should have read 1457, not 1357.

Dave Kenny, UK has been monitoring this more extensively Nov 18:

``Overcomer Ministry heard here today:

1300-1400 on 11680 15495 17765

1400-1500 on 9460 13810 15495

1500-1600 on 9460 13810 17485

15320 is listed at 1200-1400 in the Media Broadcast schedule but was untraced and appears not to be in use. Anyone know what the sites are for 11680, 15495 or 17765? These frequencies are not listed in the Media Broadcast schedule. 73s Dave Kenny, UK`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also USA: WWRB

I suspect this 15495 replaced after just a few days 9460, which would mean that no BS shortwave transmission for Europe is left now. Probably 15495 is even beamed back to North America?

Or it is additional. A closure at 1457 could indicate a Nauen transmission unit that is used for something else from 1500 after

repointing the antenna.

This referring to DX Mix News:

New schedule of Brother Stair TOM in English from Nov 12:

1200-1400 15320 NAU 100 kW 210 deg to NWAf, new  
1400-1600 9460 WER 100 kW 300 deg to WeEu, new  
1400-1600 13810 NAU 100 kW 129 deg to N/ME, ex1400-1500  
1500-1600 17485 WER 100 kW 180 deg to CeAF  
1900-2000 5945 WER 100 kW 300 deg to WeEu, cancelled  
1900-2000 9860 WER 500 kW non-dir to N/ME, cancelled  
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

> 1300-1400 on 11680 15495 17765  
> 1400-1500 on 9460 13810 15495

11680 and 17765 not heard here, but perhaps it was already too late at 1357. 9460, 13810 and 15495 are all audible, but just barely, rather like backscatter than direct hop.

> Anyone know what the sites are for 11680, 15495 or 17765?

Unless a new transmission provider is involved (and I see no reason to assume this) either Wertachtal, Nauen or Issoudun. In theory also MontsinÈry, but this does not appear to be the case at least for the three frequencies in use between 1400 and 1500. Pori shortwave appears to be dead (?), and J·szberÈny can certainly be excluded as well.

I leave it to someone else to send e-mail about this trifle to the shortwave backoffice of Media Broadcast in Cologne (Kai Ludwig, Nov 19, ibid.)

9980, Brother Scare via WWCR, Nov 19 at 1405, overpowering signal amid huge envelope of buzz extending 9965-9995 or so, abutting DentoCuban jamming command on the low side. Meanwhile, clear audio and no such buzz via new German relay frequency 15495.

11680, another new frequency for the Walterbore, Nov 23 at 1350, relatively poor compared to // 15495, but at 1357:05\* 11680 cuts him off while 15495 continues past 1400, still going at 1409 and later. DX Mix News, Bulgaria reports: ``Brother Stair TOM from Nov 18: 1300-1400 on 11680 WER 250 kW / 090 deg to SoAs`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Additional txions of Brother Stair TOM in English from Nov. 18:

1300-1400 on 11680 WER 250 kW / 090 deg SoAs  
1300-1400 on 17765 NAU 250 kW / 070 deg EaAs  
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 23 Nov via DXLD)

17765, another frequency now infested by the Walterbore, Nov 24 at 1355, weaker than adjacent WYFR 17760 but the latter not up to full strength yet. DX Mix News, Bulgaria says Nauen:  
``1300-1400 on 17765 NAU 250 kW / 070 deg EaAs``.

Brother Scare continues to be heard on 15495, and also on 17485 at 1508 running about one second ahead of WWCR 9980. HFCC shows 17485 as 15-16, 100 kW, 180 degrees from Wertachtal, also GERMANY (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also USA: WINB

\*\* SPAIN [and non]. Since REE's own schedules are contradictory and unreliable, I make a point of monitoring UT Saturday Nov 20 at 0605 on 5965 via COSTA RICA: yes, this is the correct time for ``Amigos de la Onda Corta``, their DX program in Spanish, started at 0605:35, with considerable co-channel from Vatican, as these two stations have enjoyed colliding with each other here for years. The // 25m frequencies from Spain direct were not propagating.

Closing electronic theme kept going past 1-second-late timesignal at 0630, along with CCI and SAH from Vatican under; finally at 0631:25 opens next show, like last week ``EdiciÛn Exclusiva``, not the mailbag (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

What a difference a day makes when you go from staff errors galore and not.

6055, REE at 0000 in English with opening announcements and Justin Coe with "This, That, and the Other" - stayed on 6055 right to the finish - Very Good Nov 21

5970, REE at 2357 closed 6055 and turned this frequency on with IS then fanfare at 0000 with Deanelle Baker opening announcements although she still announces 6055, then into Justin Coe with "This, That, and the Other" - Very Good Nov 21/22 (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, NASWA yg via DXLD)

REE Basque reconfirmed Monday Nov 22 at 1337 on 21610, 21570; 21540 mixed with Qur'an from Kuwait, q.v. Last week we found all REE frequencies back in Castilian well before 1400, and today at 1353 recheck, 15170 via Costa Rica had song in Spanish, 1355 promo in Spanish for REE as ``la emisora que une ---``. So Euskera lasts considerably less than a full semihour from 1330 M-F (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EmisiÛn Sefarad from REE, 15385 as usual on Mondays, fair signal at 1425-1455 Nov 22 for ME; could not reconfirm the repeat to SAM at 0115-0145 Nov 23 UT Tuesday on 11780, as too much BrasÌlia, and Europe

not really propagating on 25m. Nothing audible on 11795 either, its former and should be future frequency in the clear.

17595, REE, Nov 23 at 1452 with enlamar @ rtve.es address for EspaÑoles en la Mar show ending, and then sea song by a great bass-baritone in catalán, chopped off at 1455 as they insist on ``interrupting`` this frequency in order to change 21540 to 15385 for Africa, and say goodbye to NAm until 1800 on 17850, 1900 on 15110. IS once, and off 1456\*. But we know 17595 will come right back on with equal reception in NAm after an antenna change.

At 1535 I am again listening to 17595, when there is news in French, mainly about Western Sahara and Mauritania; 1537:17 over to English by Justin Coe but different content, about Ireland, N & S Korea fighting, France agrees to extradite ETA guy, stampede on bridge in Phnom Penh kills hundreds. No news concerning Spain except the ETA item indirectly.

After exactly three minutes, Justin introduces news in Arabic from 1540:17 starting with Korea and Russia, but Arab gets almost 4 minutes until outro in Spanish of multilingual news segment, which we first reported about three weeks ago, and allegedly also in Russian and Portuguese. When first heard Nov 2, Portuguese was first at 1530, and no Russian then either. Has it ever been included?

1545 on to next show ``Español con --`` about how the language evolved from Latin (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SRI LANKA. 11905, Radio Ceylon-Radio Sri Lanka, \*1530-1550+, Nov 18, abrupt sign on with English economic news in progress. Ad for National Savings Bank. IDs as iRadio Ceyloní and iRadio Sri Lankai. Several obituaries read. Local music. Talk in English and Hindi. Poor to fair mixing with co-channel Polish Radio (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX Listening Digest)

11905, Radio Sri Lanka, 1530 Nov 18. On suddenly, mid-news in English by woman. 1531 several obituaries read in English. 1533 ID iThis is Radio Sri Lanka.î Then man and woman hosts in mix of English and Hindi. Fair, co-mixing with Polish Radio via Wertachtal in Ukrainian. (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening portable, lake-side, with Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SRI LANKA [non]. VOICE OF TAMILS SPECIAL --- Glenn, As last year there will be Tamil convention specials on November 26 and 27th.

1030-1400 on 17880

1400-1500 on 6230

1500-1630 on 13860

It will be a relay of a European Tamil TV station's audio from the Hot Bird Satellite <http://www.tamilarkuralradio.com/>  
(WRN Nov 25, for dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SUDAN. 7200, ORTC, \*0236-0300+, Nov 24, sign on with local tribal music. Qur'an at 0244. Fair (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SUDAN [and non]. R OMDURMAN TRANSMITTER USED TO JAM R DABANGA

In an article called "The Perils of Reporting in Sudan," the Institute for War and Peace Reporting says "Meanwhile in Darfur and across the border in eastern Chad, the number of listeners who tune in to Radio Dabanga has mushroomed, causing a rush for radios in markets across the region." The report goes on to say that "the government does not welcome such broadcasts. It continues to try and block the signal, even taking the state-run Radio Omdurman off the air while Radio Dabanga is on, and using its transmitter to interfere with Dabanga's shortwave frequency."

Read the report: <http://iwpr.net/report-news/perils-reporting-sudan> (November 19th, 2010 - 10:33 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

\*\* SUDAN [non]. 15710, Miraya FM via IRRS via SLOVAKIA, Nov 18 at 1420, HOA? music, Arabic dialect, fair signal, have not heard in some time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SUDAN [non]. 17745, Sudan Radio Service via PORTUGAL, Nov 23 at 1533 in some kind of Arabic, at first with usual heavy echo, but as the signal fades in stronger there is less echo. I have previously concluded the echo is self-imposed in the studio to seem hip, and long/short path is unlikely, but now I am wondering if it is caused by backscatter, making a considerably longer second path if not round the world. It's 250 kW, 114 degrees from Sines. Or they are messing with the amount of echo at the studio (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SWAZILAND. 9500, 18 NOV, 1815 UT, TWR with African-accented preacher thumping the bible for all it was worth. Not sked'ed per EIBI and AOKI, but here at 1800 nonetheless. Good signal but beat up on by BBC on 9505 (Al Muick, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m longwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

You mean, in English? Well, it's in HFCC as other languages: 9500 1630 1900 48 MAN 100 13 1234567 311010 270311 D Oro/Kam SWZ TWR (gh, DXLD)

\*\* TAIWAN. (CHINA-non) --- Sound of Hope Radio Network sent me a printed QSL card (complete QSL card with data in Chinese and English) after 17 days for my reception report in Chinese with US\$2.00.

Recent official shortwave schedules for Chinese mainland are:

2200-2300 7105 9635 6280(Fri. Sat only)  
2200-2230 7515  
2230-2300 7585  
2300-0000 7310 6280(Fri. Sat. only)  
2300-2330 7540  
2330-2400 7520  
0900-1100 9540 11760(Sat. Sun. only)  
1100-1300 7280  
1200-1230 11520  
1230-1300 9355  
1300-1400 9955  
1400-1600 9450  
1430-1500 7540  
1500-1530 7465  
1530-1600 7475  
1500-1530 7585  
1500-1700 11765

Frequencies are variable day by day

Address for QSL: No.6-4, 84 Sec., Kuotai Town, North District,  
Taichung City, Taiwan 404

URL: <http://www.soundofhope.org>

E-mail: contact @ soundofhope.org

(Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, Nov 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Above schedule does not include the numerous out-of-band hangouts of Firedrake, which we assume are further low-power SOH frequencies just to tie up some more jamming (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Anybody else hearing the station on 9040? Last night I again tuned to 9040 at 1045 and was hearing a weak signal. There was a carrier but it sounds as if there are two separate audio feeds on either sideband. This, if I am not hearing things, would be independent sideband (ISB). One channel appears to be in Chinese or a dialect of same and the other Korean. It is not in parallel with SOH on 11100. SOH was blocked on 8400, 10500 and 13970 by FD.

When I came back just after R. Free Sarawak went silent, 9040 had a brief music clip as if s/off but think it was purely propagation as adjacent signals nosedived. I am even uncertain if I am hearing separate audio feeds. Can anybody confirm the presence of a station on 9040 from 1030 till 1100? It may be on past that time or have a later sign on (Robin Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, Radio Monitor

SWLR-KS001, Nov 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, I can confirm that 9040 is indeed Sound of Hope (SOH). Audio was better on USB between 1050 and 1100 on the 21st. But modulation was down and when the FD went off 8400 at TOH it revealed SOH. This was identical programming to 9040. So the sender on 9040 must be at a different power level to 8400. The program prior to 1100 on 9040 was an interview and the female interviewer was clearer than the male subject. Incidentally there was no FD prior to 1100 on either 11100 or 10500 but was there weakly on 13970.

Incidentally, at 1057, 9040 had ALE pulses across the signal (Robin Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, Radio Monitor SWLR-KS001, Nov 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CHINA for Firedrake

\*\* TAJIKISTAN. See SARAWAK [non], Radio Free Sarawak

\*\* THAILAND. 9535, Radio Thailand, 2034-2049 Nov 21, woman announcer in English with National News. ID at 2038 by a man announcer: ``You're listening to Radio Thailand News.'' A public service announcement from His Majesty the King about economic progress. Global news followed at 2040 with bells at 2045 followed by broadcast in Thai language. Fair to good.

9720, Radio Thailand, 1242-1259\* Nov 22, tune in to English service with the National News read by a woman announcer. At 1245 standard ID by a man: ``You're listening to Radio Thailand News.'' After several promotional announcements the Global News was presented by a man and woman announcing team alternating items. Carrier cut mid-sentence at 1259. Fair signal (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park, PA, DXpedition No. 37, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially south for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* TIBET [non]. U.K.(non), Frequency change for Voice of Tibet in Tibetan via BABCOCK:  
1330-1400 NF 13755 DHA 250 kW / 070 deg CeAs, ex 15430  
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 23 Nov via DXLD)

\*\* TRINIDAD. 8855, Piarco ATC, 2209 Traffic 13 Nov (Don Moore, Michigan DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* TUNISIA [and non]. 7275, Nov 20 at 0625 RTT with secular music, Arabic announcements and still cutting off abruptly at 0627\* after a few sex of open carrier; continuing on 7335 which until 0620 had co-channel from Vatican's Scandinavian service. Don't you believe HFCC that Tunisia does not start 7335 until 0700. Those registrations are about an hour late, as recently heard starting a few minutes before

0600 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* TURKEY. 11815 is often a mess of NHK vs REE via COSTA RICA, but Nov 24 at 1522 I am enjoying some Asian music in the clear, M&W discussion between each piece past 1540 and at 1542 mentioned Azerbaijan a couple of times. After 1530 something else was SAHing underneath. TRT is scheduled in Turkish at 1400-1700, 250 kW, 320 degrees from «akirlar to Europe, but also USward, per HFCC; while Aoki says it's 1400-1655, 500 kW, 310 degrees from Emirler. Why do we have so many minor contradictions from different sources citing B10 schedules? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* UGANDA. 4976, R. Uganda, 2135-2141 13 Nov. Talk in mix of English and local languages. Announcer taking text messages from listeners. Excellent signal but then off in mid-sentence (Don Moore, Michigan DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* UGANDA [non]. FRANCE: 17725, R Y'Abaganda (to Uganda) (presumed) Afro-pop music off suddenly without ID or even speaking at :15. Some sources say this is supposed to be in English on Saturday, others show Swahili only & only on Saturday. All I heard was music 1710-1715\* Ideas? 13/Nov (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MI DXpedition, MARE Tipsheet Nov 20 via DXLD)

17725, standing by for weekly clandestine Redio Y`Abaganda, now scheduled for only 15 minutes via FRANCE, Saturdays 1700-1715: Nothing there at 1659 Nov 20, so I quickly check 12160 to confirm WORLD OF RADIO 1539 is airing nominally on WWCR: it is, excellent signal with reverby audio from the bottom of the barrel.

When I get back to 17725 at 1700:30, RYA is on with anthem or Christian-sounding hymn. It is cut off abruptly at 1702:30, for opening in vernacular, and I think a few words of English, but so heavily accented it's hard to differentiate from the vern. Is it really Swahili as per Aoki? Listened a few more minutes, and sounds extremely amateurish, recorded on lofi consumer equipment, bad phone quality audio, saying hello? Hello? Trying to get someone to answer. Signal was sufficient, but no comparison to VOA Portuguese 17740 which had just signed on and was splattering 17725-17755; presumably Greenville rather than Sackville (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* UKRAINE. 7440, Radio Ukraine International (Lvov), 2308-2311, 11/18/2010, English. News by woman. One story involved illegal migration (immigration). This was followed by Ukraine Today program with a story about the Ukraine spending too much and building a huge debt balance. (And this sounds like ... ?) Good signal with a heavy duty hum (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, Random Wire

(90'), ALA100M Loops (16' and 20'), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U K [and non]. Re: Expansion of sites --- Hi Chaps, Despite what you might think there are improvements made even now.

At Woofferton in the last five years we have two new multi-freq antennas erected covering five different bearings each and covering up to five freq bands each replacing two single band antennas on small slewable bearings.

There have been four senders removed and replaced which are AM/AMC and DRM capable and thus still keeping 10 on site.

Many more satellite dishes have been installed and as such many more feeds available. The off-site sending of feeds has risen.

Skelton has had one tx replaced by a AM AMC and DRM unit.

ASC has had four txs replaced by new. So we are not static or reducing! 73 (David Porter, G4OYX, Nov 22, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

\*\* U K [and non]. 5875, two signals mixing Nov 23 at 1405. One is in Arabic, and I hear the BBC sounder, not sure of other language under, seems Asian. But it should be English per current registrations, as BBC is QRMing itself from two sites at once, Britons vs Britons:

1300-1600 English via THAILAND, 250 kW, 25 degrees, and  
1400-1600 Arabic via CYPRUS, 300 kW, 121 degrees, so could be longpath  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6005 kHz, Nov 19th between 0600 and 0629 UT I noted two different BBC programs. Usual, but poor signal of BBCWS program in English from Ascension Isl., but also surprisingly the BBC London French service to North Africa, most likely from a tx center in GB. Huge S=9+30dB powerhouse signal, to twist the needle. Maybe an 'on-the-air' test by the technician in Albion? Similar test on-air noted also on 6045 kHz in 1500-1559 UT (instead of DWL 6075) few days ago. (Wolfgang Bischel, wwdx BC-DX TopNews Nov 21 via DXLD)

7385, UT Saturday Nov 20, surprised to find BBCWS on yet another unfamiliar frequency, news reports, IDed at 2312 as World Today. Whence? HFCC shows WHRI at 23-02 on 7385! Another BBC relay has snuck in? No, WHRI is M-F only, while BBC is daily at 23-24 only, 250 kW, 25 degrees from THAILAND so also USward: another one-hour broadcast in the incredible fragmentation of the BBCWS instead of keeping several good and long-established frequencies and running them for hours and hours. So it's blocked on weekdays if WHRI is really on rather than wooden. And have the floodwaters receded at Nakhon Sawan? If drowned

out, BBC might well substitute another site.

7385, BBCWS, poor but audible at 2326 Nov 22 via THAILAND. Heard 48 hours earlier, without QRM de scheduled WHRI, which I assumed would be weekdays only, but not there on Monday either --- more wooden registrations from LeSEA.

11760, RHC missing Nov 22 at 1347 allowing BBCWS in English to be audible, with hum; discussion of ambiguous gender identity among infants and children. A little better on // 15575, outro as Health Check. Back on 11760 at 1357, RHC has resumed with IS over BBC, site OMAN 07-14 at 320 degrees intended for Iraq and Iran but also USward. At 14-15 changes to Cyprus, 90 degrees, same as at 06-07. Meanwhile, did not hear any CRI English on 11760, also scheduled 12-14, southeastward from Kunming.

11830, BBCWS in English, 95 degrees from Rampisham, audible here Nov 22 at 1514 underneath WYFR in Chinese blasting right at us, 315 degrees from Okeechobee (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U K. BBC WORLD SERVICE CUTS DELAYED  
Broadcast. By Catherine Neilan, 23 November, 2010

Staff at the World Service will have to wait a further two months to hear whether their jobs are safe, as the BBC has pushed back any decision on cuts until after Christmas.

As part of the licence fee settlement, the World Service has to find savings of £67m - the equivalent of 16% - over the next four years. It is thought this could lead to more than 300 job losses and the cutting of entire language services.

But in an email to staff, Peter Horrocks, director of the World Service, said BBC Trust had called an additional meeting for 16 December "to discuss and explore what can be done to mitigate the impact of these changes".

He added: "They have asked us to present a long term plan for World Service as it enters the licence fee period.

"I am afraid this means that we will not be in a position to make any announcements until January 2011 at the earliest. I firmly believe it is in the interests of World Service that we engage with the BBC Trust and the BBC Executive further on this."

Horrocks acknowledged it was annoying to have to push back the date of any announcement.

"I know that this communication will be frustrating and does not provide the clarity we were hoping for, but this delay will be in the interests of World Service," he said.

"I have asked your managers to discuss this further with you to give you an opportunity to ask any questions and feedback your concerns.

Horrocks' email in full:

Dear All, I wanted to update you on the implementation of the Spending Review for World Service.

Mark Thompson, Mark Byford and I met with the BBC Trust last week to make the Trust aware of the impact of the Spending Review on World Service. The Trust asked a number of questions about the proposed changes that we would have to make as a result of the reduced funding from the FCO as part of this Spending Review.

The Trust wants a further opportunity at the December 16th Trust meeting to discuss and explore what can be done to mitigate the impact of these changes. They have asked us to present a long term plan for World Service as it enters the licence fee period.

I am afraid this means that we will not be in a position to make any announcements until January 2011 at the earliest. I firmly believe it is in the interests of World Service that we engage with the BBC Trust and the BBC Executive further on this.

The Executive and the Trust are united in wanting to ensure that the World Service is sustained as far as possible as it enters the licence fee period.

I appreciate that I had said we'd hope to come back to you with a plan on how to respond to the CSR settlement by the end of November. I know that this communication will be frustrating and does not provide the clarity we were hoping for, but this delay will be in the interests of World Service.

I have asked your managers to discuss this further with you to give you an opportunity to ask any questions and feedback your concerns.

Peter

<http://www.broadcastnow.co.uk/news/broadcasters/bbc/bbc-world-service-cuts-delayed/5020834.article>  
(via Mike Terry, Nov 23, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DXLD)

\*\* U S A [and non]. Re gh: ``When it looked as if Greenville would be

closed down at the end of the A-10 season, some arrangements were made for a few R. Martí broadcasts to be relayed via Sackville, CANADA, a first for anything from IBB.''

But no arrangements had been made for VOA in Spanish and Loud... errr, Special English, or?

Because: <http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=10079>

It appears to be an educated guess that it was Mandarin and French that would have got their shortwave transmissions only reduced instead of completely eliminated, in spite of Mandarin having no detectable audience.

And I bet that the other unnamed language service would have been Albanian, which is all that VOA still transmits on shortwave to Europe. Now they use besides the usual Biblis for the morning and noon releases also Botswana for this, 1930-2000 on 11740. Looks like a mere token service to me, kept for entirely political reasons and not meant for real audiences anymore.

Concerning new sites: Has IBB or, more specific, VOA already used Skelton before? When reviewing this matter I noted French from there, Mon-Fri only 2100-2130 on 9435. But still nothing anymore from Woofferton, which once de facto acted as VOA relay station. It now has Mon-Fri 60 and Sat-Sun 30 minutes of BBC World Service a day, otherwise it mostly makes a living from the DW and Polskie Radio contracts, as I recently noted in the DW context (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Current VOA SW transmissions to Europe:

6035 0600-0630 BIB 126 ALBANIAN  
7235 1700-1730 BIB 126 ALBANIAN  
11740 1930-2000 SAO 020 ALBANIAN

6035 0530-0600 BIB 126 CROATIAN  
6135 1930-1945 BIB 126 CROATIAN  
7235 1930-1945 IRA 299 CROATIAN  
73 (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, *ibid.*)

Wow, I didn't realize that VoA still carries Croatian on the SW. How crazy is that?! And then, an Albanian broadcast out from Botswana --- Unbelievable! Dragan, how's reception for that one at your place?  
(Sergei S., *ibid.*)

Either I simply overlooked Croatian when reviewing [http://author.voanews.com/english/about/frequenciesAtoZ\\_c.cfm](http://author.voanews.com/english/about/frequenciesAtoZ_c.cfm) first, or it has been added to this page only later. Either way this is of

course a hot candidate for the other language service that was meant to be taken off shortwave...

Using Botswana for Europe has been done already in previous years, for RFE/RL if memory serves right. But the Croatian via Iranawila could be the first ever use of this facility for Europe.

Crazy? Well, apparently the rule is to not waste airtime booked for cash on third-party facilities for such services that are still transmit on shortwave out of entirely political and not professional considerations. Within these bounds it is almost inevitable to end up with Botswana and Iranawila for beaming stuff to Europe in winter evenings.

Meanwhile the tank never stops thinking, also reports that the closures have been called off just three days in advance but sticks with its version that Spanish, French, Chinese and Indonesian were to be taken off shortwave altogether (well, the hints from another, presumably better placed source just appear to be more plausible to me):

<http://blog.heritage.org/2010/11/15/death-by-a-1000-cut-is-the-government-trying-to-kill-voa-radio-transmissions/>  
(Kai Ludwig, *ibid.*)

It [Iranawila] was in use for VOA Ukrainian transmissions for a few years (until December, the 31st, 2008) when VOA Ukrainian radio programs were canceled (Aleksandr Diadischev, Russia, *ibid.*)

\*\* U S A [and non]. 7525, Nov 23 at 1437 VG signal in Chinese mentioning Mei-guo and Chung-guo several times, atop weak echoing Chinese jammer. So this is VOA Chinese via Tinang, PHILIPPINES, at 1400-1500 only, 250 kW, 21 degrees also USward --- and the only transmission currently scheduled at any time on 7525, per HFCC and Aoki. Should be glommed onto by other broadcasters in need of a clear 40m frequency at other dayparts.

13750, surprised to find VOA Spanish here instead of 13715, Nov 23 at 1353 with deportes report in Buenos Días, AmÈrica; // 9885, and JBA 15590. Perhaps a mistake at Greenville, caused by sub-vocalizing, as 13715 and 13750 sound much alike; where tomorrow?

For the second morning, VOA Spanish is on 13750 instead of 13715, so apparently not a mistake: Nov 24 at 1351 with item about huge crime rate in Rio de Janeiro. Has this change been made on the VOA website? [http://author.voanews.com/english/about/frequenciesAtoZ\\_s.cfm](http://author.voanews.com/english/about/frequenciesAtoZ_s.cfm)  
Of course not! How about on the Spanish page linked from it?  
<http://www.voanews.com/spanish/news/>  
We defy you to find any mention of shortwave frequencies there, even a

link back to the A-Z page (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11765, Nov 24 at 1504 American-accented news in English, 1505 into gospel music, so it's a huxter? No, VOA is scheduled during this hour only at 100 kW via Lampertheim, GERMANY. HFCC says 108 degrees, Aoki says 96 degrees. This was audible only because 11760 RHC was off and on, as they were reconfiguring for daytime broadcasts (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A [non]. Frequency changes of IBB:

Voice of America

0130-0230 on 5925 BIB 100 kW / 105 deg WeAs, deleted in Persian  
0130-0230 on 7215 WER 250 kW / 105 deg WeAs, deleted in Persian  
0130-0230 on 9495 WER 250 kW / 105 deg WeAs, deleted in Persian  
0230-0330 NF 7205 WER 250 kW / 105 deg WeAs, new time in Persian  
0230-0330 NF 9495 WER 250 kW / 105 deg WeAs, new time in Persian  
0230-0330 NF 9745 IRA 250 kW / 324 deg WeAs, new time in Persian  
0300-0330 on 7340 BOT 100 kW / 010 deg ECAF, deleted in Swahili M-F  
0300-0330 on 9440 SAO 100 kW / 100 deg ECAF, deleted in Swahili M-F  
1200-1300 NF 11700 UDO 250 kW / 030 deg EaAs, ex 11705\$in English  
1300-1400 NF 11700 UDO 250 kW / 030 deg EaAs, ex 11705 English Sa/Su  
1400-1500 NF 13735 WER 250 kW / 105 deg WeAs, ex 13710#in Kurdish  
1600-1700 NF 11850 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg SoAs, ex 6000\$in Bengali  
1700-1730 on 9565 BOT 100 kW / 350 deg ECAF, deleted in Swahili  
1700-1730 on 13740 BOT 100 kW / 010 deg ECAF, deleted in Swahili  
1700-1730 on 15730 SAO 100 kW / 100 deg ECAF, deleted in Swahili  
2000-2100 NF 7470 IRA 250 kW / 316 deg N/ME, ex 9420^in English M-F  
2030-0030 NF 7560 KWT 250 kW / 070 deg AFG , ex 7405&in English  
2200-2300 NF 7365 PTH 250 kW / 021 deg EaAs, ex 7220\* English Su-Th  
2300-2400 NF 7365 PTH 250 kW / 021 deg EaAs, ex 7220\*in English  
2200-2300 NF 11860 SAI 100 kW / 300 deg EaAs, ex 9490 English Su-Th  
2300-2400 NF 11860 SAI 100 kW / 300 deg EaAs, ex 9490+in English  
2200-0030 NF 9895 UDO 250 kW / 156 deg SEAs, ex 9620=in Indonesian

& avoid CNR in Chinese on 11710

# avoid AIR in English

\$ avoid VOR in Serbian

^ avoid ERA in Greek

& avoid CRI in Polish/English/Chinese/Russian

\* avoid CRI in Chinese/Vietnamese

+ avoid Radio Republica in Spanish

= avoid Radio Japan NHK in Japanese and REE in Spanish

Radio Liberty in Avari/Chechen/Cherkassian

0400-0500 NF 15230 IRA 250 kW / 316 deg CeAs, ex 15205

Radio Mashaal in Pashto

1100-1200 NF 15715 IRA 250 kW / 340 deg SoAs, ex 13580

Radio Free Asia

1100-1400 NF 9435 DB 200 kW / 125 deg CeAs, ex 11540 DB in Tibetan  
2200-2300 NF 7505 TIN 250 kW / 280 deg EaAs, ex 11740\*KWT Cantonese  
\* to avoid CNR in Chinese (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 23 Nov via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. First airing of WORLD OF RADIO 1539 was ready in time for WRMI, UT Thursday Nov 18 at 0430. Unfortunately, the frequency was jammed to smithereens so undetectable; tnx a lot, Arnie! It was confirmed on webcast. Next airing at 1600 had little if any jamming, but some other CCI.

Next scheduled times are: Thursday 2000 WBCQ 7415 (if they get it in time, unlike last week); Thursday 2200 WRMI 9955, likely jammed again; Friday 0430 WWRB 3185 (so far have not been able to upload the new show); Friday 1530 WRMI 9955; Friday 2130 WWCR 7465.

3185, WWRB, UT Friday Nov 19 at 0430 with last week's WORLD OF RADIO 1538. We were never able to get a connexion to upload the latest program; they have it now in case there is any other time to play it, but have never been aware of any such substitutions.

WOR 1539 confirmed on WRMI, Friday Nov 19 at 1530. Next chance: Friday 2130 on WWCR 7465.

WORLD OF RADIO 1539 confirmed on WWCR 7465, VG signal Friday Nov 19 but starting a sesquiminute late at 2131:30, as previous program ran over; probably had to start a bit late after frequency change at 2100. But WOR played to conclusion 2200, then into Spanish. Also VG Saturday Nov 20 at 1700 on 12160. Remaining airings are UT Sunday 0330 on 4840, 0730 on 3215.

Also circa Europe remember our new frequency via IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS-IBA, 6090 via SLOVAKIA, Saturdays at 1900 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Glenn, in the moment there is a good signal on 6090 with WoR, for example at 1904 You spoke about Radio Symban, Australia. 73s, (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, 1920 UT Saturday Nov 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 7415, WBCQ on very late again UT Sunday, Nov 21 at 0611 with Doobie Bros; 0628 Ted Randall with his QSO Radio Show, then Handyman by James Taylor. Maybe is open-ended, I wonder how much later? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5110v-CUSB, UT Monday Nov 22 after 0300, WORLD OF RADIO 1539 in temporary timing via Area 51, WBCQ, to happen again Nov 29 before Pirates' Week resumes its usual slot in December. Good reception here;

hope some other night times on WBCQ can be obtained (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. Thank you for allowing me to run World of Radio on my station. The show will air Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Eastern (Midnight UT Monday). Yes. I do have a "website" up and fully functioning. It is actually a combination blog and website.

<http://genevaradio.blogspot.com>

To access the stream, simply follow the instructions and link on the "Listen" page of the site/blog. Currently, the station operates on a limited schedule. Transmissions are from 4:00 p.m. to Midnight Eastern, Friday thru Sunday. Of course, I will keep you posted as to any scheduling changes. Though I don't anticipate any regarding your program anytime soon. Thanks again (Jake Longwell, Geneva Community Radio, NY, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. WTWW update: a new audio processor has been installed, sounds a little more bassy now on 5755, 9479. Comments? PPP has OK'd some other programming, starting with Ted Randall's QSO show, but no details or start date yet.

Target date for WTWW #2 transmitter: Feb 1, 2011; possibly some carrier tests before then. Poles are up for the #2 transmission line; probably will string the wire early next year (George McClintock, phoning from on the road, UT Nov 24, summarized by Glenn Hauser for WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5755, WTWW has extended an hour later in the morning, still on with PPP at 1348 Nov 24. That gives us another blessed hour on 31m free of its overload, leaving only WWCR 9980 to cope with, but indeed WTWW had switched to 9479 after 1400. [next day back to ~1300 for the change]

George McClintok informs me that a new audio processor has been installed, sounds a little more bassy now. I agree, but makes little difference. The big problem remains extreme overload from the 9479 signal all day, and the fact that it is off-channel, which causes 1-kHz hets to appear with the overload against many other 31m frequencies.

George also says that PPP has OK'd some non-Scriptures for America programming, starting with Ted Randall's QSO show, but no details yet.

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\*\* U S A. 9385, tuned in Nov 21 at 2247 just as WWRB announcer was

talking over Brother Scare that it's time to retune to 3215, and off at 2248\*. OK, I keep checking 3215 every few minutes but nothing there until 2304, so it came on sometime after previous check 2257. Does it need to take that long to retune the transmitter?

No doubt BS psycophants followed instruxions and waited some 12 minutes vacantly staring at the radio, enjoying the noise until The Last Day Prophet of God magically was resurrected on 3185 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 18530, WINB Nov 24 at 1425, JBA at fadeups with unmistakable ranting of Brother Scare, 2 x 9265 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also SOUTH CAROLINA [non]

\*\* U S A. 11715, KJES during the Oklahoma service, Nov 18 at 1438 yelling catechisms and responses in English, but barely audible despite super signal; occasional bits stronger, in attempt to break the modulation barrier. Could be out of phase stereo cancellation somewhere in their audio chain; wiggle that patchcord, or reverse it? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 17775, KVOH strong with distorted music, Nov 24 at 1801. Guess what? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NASB member KVOH, La Voz de RestauraciÛn, in California is selling a 50-kilowatt shortwave transmitter. It is an RCA BHF-100B which is around 40 years old. It was originally used by HCJB and went to KVOH about 15 years ago. It is currently configured to operate on two frequencies: 9975 and 17775 kHz. The location is Simi Valley, California ñ about an hour north of Los Angeles. The transmitter weighs 24,000 pounds. Those who would like more technical details may contact the station's engineer, Jim Shossner, at +1-805-581-5398 or Pastor Rene Molina at +1-323-445-5428. (Veraliz Cuellar, KVOH, vcuellarr@restauracion.com). (Nov NASB Newsletter via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DXLD)

BONUS! With this transmitter you also get spurs on 17920v and weaker 17630v, modulation is distorted on the fundamental, and it never really operates on 9975, so is it really possible there? Does this mean KVOH is getting a new transmitter to replace it, or is giving up on SW? We have not been hearing it the last few days, but that is not unusual. They should pay someone to take it off their hands, on the condition that it be used only for parts, rather than vice versa (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, I agree with you. We don't need any more 1960's era transmitters and their problems splattering all over the SW bands. KVOH's audio quality has been lousy for years. This unit should go to

the scrap heap and/or electronics recycling facility. I can't see why anyone would want it, other than parts for, what, another ancient transmitter? (Steve Luce, Houston, TX, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A [non]. 13655, Nov 24 at 1417 I pause for some nice harp music, 1418 adding flute and morphing into ``Deutschland ,ber Alles''. This is certainly not DW, but some gospel huxter co-opting the music for the German national anthem.

Quickly revealed as such by next tune, orchestral ``Know Redeemer Liveth'', and talk in S Asian language, USA address of Family Radio. Has some echo, long/short path. Listed as YFR via Wertachtal, GERMANY, 14-16, 500 kW, 90 degrees in Sindhi and during next hour, Kannada. Need to check out Deutschland ,ber Alles in a hymnal, next time I am in a church for a cultural event. Why wait? Google reminds us it's originally by Haydn in his Kaiser Quartet, public domain so open to corruption (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also RUSSIA [and non] 9440

\*\* U S A. 15550-USB, Nov 23 at 1416, no sign of WJHR USB vs poor signal from IRAN [q.v.] in Arabic; but other US signals at similar megameter distances from much greater stations, WWCR 15825 and WEWN 15610, were barely audible. By 1732, however, WJHR loud and clear with offensive preacher.

WJHR is about to celebrate its first anniversary on the air. How much longer is the FCC going to allow George Scott Mock to operate a low-power ham rig pretending to be a SW broadcast station, required to run 50 kW minimum? Since he can get away with it, this should open the floodgates for anyone including pirates who want to get a SWBC license to broadcast legally in SSB in the SWBC bands, saving the great expense of a real AM 50 kW SWBC transmitter (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 3485-SSB, WSY70, a.k.a. New York Radio is reactivated on this frequency, Nov 20 at 0616 with VOLMET for places such as Miami, Nassau, Atlanta. And heard same locales repeated at 0619. Strange mixture of metric and American units: temps in Celsius, altimeters (barometric pressure) in inches of mercury. Until 0620\*, ``New York Radio, out'' and Gander takes over immediately: see NEWFOUNDLAND (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Previously:

3485/usb, Gander R with VOLMET weather, and NO NY Radio coming on afterward (see 10051) Hmmmm 0429-0430\* 14/Nov--Zichi DXp

10051/usb, NY Radio NOT on at 1700. 13/Nov Are they having issues again like they did back at the beginning of 2008?--Zichi DXp

13270/usb, NY Radio NOT on at 1700. 13/Nov- (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MI Dxpedition, MARE Tipsheet Nov 19 via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. 3160, WPJK, Orangeburg SC is still signing on half an hour later than necessary in November: official FCC sunrise is at 1200 UT, but nothing there Nov 18. Carrier on from \*1229:49, but no sign-on until 1232:20, 1233 right into usual Gospel Train music, S9+15 on 2 x 1580 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. --- Harmonicas: 2520, WDKN, Dickson TN, 0010-0027, Country music. String of ads mentioning Dickson, then ID at 0025. Fair signal. Noted also in morning and following evening (Don Moore, Michigan Dxpedition, 13 Nov, direct and MARE Tipsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1540,

3060, WCKY, Cincinnati OH, 0000-0003, University of KY basketball & ID at top of hour. Noted regularly both nights of DXpedition (Don Moore, Brighton, Michigan DXpedition, 14 Nov, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3060, WCKY, Cincinnati OH; 0230, 14-Nov; 2x harmonic almost as strong as // 1530 fundamental; Cincinnati's ESPN 15-30. Nothing on 3x 4590. (Harold Fodge, MI, DXPedition MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

3080, KXEL, Waterloo IA, 0147-0051 Presumed with U of Northern Iowa football. Signal booming in on 800 foot BOG but not heard at all on other antennas (Don Moore, Brighton, Michigan DXpedition, 14 Nov, DX LISTENING DIGEST) KXEL and WCKY harmonix have been reported periodically over the years (gh, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. 3280, FLORIDA, WWBA, Largo. 1221 November 21, 2010. No surprise a 50 kW station a mile from the QTH would have a detectable 4 X 820 harmonic here. Telco open carrier as with fundamental 820. Audio finally abruptly up at 1631, distorted for a few seconds, then OK. Big problem there until an engineer arrived to kick something, I suppose. Enjoyed the format, while it lasted (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 720, WGN, Extension 720 continues to be an oasis of intelligent discussion on the commercial MW band tnx to Milt Rosenberg, especially if the topic does not lend itself to Milt making anti-Obama remarkx, such as UT Nov 19, on the significance of The Lord's Prayer. As always, here in OK one must put up with periodic fades down by WGN, and fades up by Spanish KSAH San Antonio, whose subaudible heterodyne is an almost constant annoyance.

Extension 720 is at 0405-0600 UT, had been UT Tue-Sat, but at the end Milt said from now on it will be local Sunday thru Thursday nites (except of course when pre-empted by stupid ballgames), instead of M-

F, so in UT that makes it really Monday thru Friday. Website also provides lots of (too many) ways to listen online:  
<http://www.wgnradio.com/shows/ext720/>

Who takes over on UT Saturdays? Nick Digilio at 04-08, as well as UT Sundays 00-04. {I wonder if Milt has decided he should not be working on the Sabbath?} (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. THE AM RADIO SEWERS OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS --- Beyond the usual Limbaugh/Hannity/Beck/Schlesinger/Savage there are some far rightists and fringe/religious types on the Central Arkansas AM radio airwaves.

Pastor Pete Peters, the infamous shortwave "preacher", has found a home on local Little Rock radio via KLRG 880 Sheridan AR. He's been on about a month, per random checks airing at 8AM CST/1400 UT. KLRG isn't a 24/7 gospel-huxter station but a pay-for-play (Brokered) AM'er which airs much conspiratorial fare (such as Alex Jones, afternoons 2-5 pm CST/2000-2300 UT), conservative jobbers, infomercial huxters, and the tired bones of Imus (local sunrise to 8 am CST/1400 UT).

And as of last week, "Tony Alamo Ministries" was still polluting the airwaves of Little Rock via religious station KMTL 760 (2-3 pm CST / 2000-2100 UT). I try to check about once a week or so during lunch breaks or at home when not occupied with other items (Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, EM43aw  
<http://tvdxseark.blogspot.com> <http://www.twitter.com/KC5KBV>  
Nov 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. KABF 88.3 Little Rock update --- The alt-weekly Arkansas Times of Little Rock has an updated story on community radio station KABF 88.3 and some issues surrounding its board and funding. November 25 (2010) edition, by Gerard Matthews titled "KABF moves forward, slowly".

<http://www.arktimes.com/arkansas/kabf-moves-forward-slowly/Content?oid=1406230>  
(Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR Nov 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 1050, Nov 23 at 1321 UT I find a signal dominating from N/S, the ``KMOH Swap Shop`` or so it sounded, two guys discussing items for sale or rent, including a mechanical bull; mentioned Laverne, wheat fest, basketball Osborne-Columbia. Closest call in the NRC AM Log is KLOH Pipestone MN, and it's in the right direxion, but I don't get any significant hits searching on those names in Minnesota.

But it's right next to South Dakota, and the KLOH website <http://www.klohradio.com/> indicates impact in SD, but no significant hits there either; it shows they do have a swap shop,  
<http://www.klohradio.com/SwapShop/Index.cfm>

altho not a program by that name, but they do have two guys on the air at this time, Bill Van Hoecke / Collin Christensen per <http://www.klohradio.com/KLOH/ProgramSchedule/Index.cfm>

Day power is an even 9380 watts. November sunrise is 1315 UT, but December 1400. So tentatively KLOH, an interesting station; history: <http://www.klohradio.com/AboutUs/Index.cfm>  
LOH stands for Land Of Hiawatha, and it's ``Stereo Country 1050'', so C-QUAM is still in use? Beginning to be bothered by WHO IBOC as I move on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Try Luverne, MN which is just south of Pipestone on US 75 (Wayne Heinen, CO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 1170, WWVA has made it again across the pond. Is every thing fixed now and running 50 kW? Cheers for any help (Barry :-) Davies, UK, Nov 7, ABDX via DXLD)

They're back to 50 kW during daylight hours. One of the three towers has been rebuilt (guyed this time, rather than self-supporting), and WWVA is running 50 kW daytime, 12.5 kW nighttime, non-directional, out of that single tower while they rebuild the other two. s (Scott Fybush, NY, ibid.)

\*\* U S A. 1560, Nov 22 at 2159 UT on caradio, dominant signal is from Family Radio, then quick and clear ID ``KKAA, Aberdeen'', i.e., South Dakota. At 10 kW day and night, hi-band, this is the best MW DX bet for many from this state, unless there is some other transmitter with a COL across the state line. There is only one SD station on a higher frequency, but with much lower power: 1570, KVTK Vermillion, 500/71 watts.

Too bad it's the same apocalyptic nonsense one can already get on dozens of SW frequencies and hundreds of FM translators and relays. I assume from May 21, 2011, KKAA will self-destruct or suddenly become for sale. One might also want to stand by to scoop up all the empty piles of clothes on the ground; full wallets too, I suppose, if anything is left after The Foolish Faithful have given countless millions to keep Harold Camping's monomania going (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A month or so ago I recorded 1570 overnight and KVTK was the dominant station in XERF phase null on almost all TOH recordings with sports (I think ESPN) programming. I seem to remember some folks on other lists commenting that KVTK seldom, if ever, seemed to reduce power at night. Happy Thanksgiving! (Bruce Winkelman AA5CO, Tulsa, OK, Nov 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. Andersonville National Historic Site TIS's?

Ran across this today: 1640 (TIS) Andersonville National Historic Site, Andersonville, Georgia;  
<http://www.theradiosource.com/articles-case-study-andersonville.htm>  
indicates there are three transmitters directing visitors to this Civil War-era POW grounds and museum, located a few miles west of I-75 in south-central Georgia. A map indicates one transmitter is at the Historic Site, and the others are just south of Cordele on I-75 and near Perry on I-75 (with signage promoting the Historic Site and 1640 kHz). (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, Nov 24, Florida DX News and "Florida Low Power Radio Stations" are at: <http://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/> DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. ST PETE MAN CHARGED WITH RUNNING ILLEGAL RADIO STATION

By STEPHEN THOMPSON | The Tampa Tribune

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<http://www2.tbo.com/content/2010/nov/18/181506/st-pete-man-charged-with-running-illegal-radio-sta/news-breaking/>

ST. PETERSBURG - A St. Petersburg man was arrested today on charges he started up his own radio station out of a garage without getting the proper licenses from the Federal Communications Commission.

Thomas Morey, 38, was charged with unauthorized transmission to, or interference with, a public or commercial radio station. He was released from the Pinellas County Jail after posting \$5,000 bond.

According to court documents unsealed today, agents with the FCC determined strong radio signals on 88.3 MHz were coming from an antenna mounted on a radio tower at 2351 Fifth Ave. N. The home is in the Kenwood neighborhood, and the station was called "The Pride of Kenwood."

Detective Robert Jones, of the St. Petersburg Police Department, went to the neighborhood on Aug. 19 and found, when he adjusted his radio to 88.3 FM, that the signal was strong and clear, according to an affidavit Jones filled out.

"Moments later your affiant heard a male voice state, 'You're listening to the best of the 70s, 80s, 90s and dance.' The voice then went on to identify the station as Pride FM.

The next day, Jones went to the neighborhood and heard the same thing on his radio, the court documents say. Five days after that, he spotted the radio tower in the back yard at 2351 Fifth Ave. N.

Investigators got a search warrant and, on Aug. 27, found Morey in an

unattached garage being used as a radio station. Morey admitted to running the station without the proper credentials, according to investigators.

He purchased some equipment and said he had four years of radio experience, describing himself as a "radio personality," the court documents say. "I had an itch," he reportedly told Jones.

He also said he knew there would be complications once he launched his station and that he knew it was illegal, the documents say.

Before the search warrant was served, Morey shut the station down. "I had a bad feeling so the station was disconnected," he told authorities, the documents say.

Morey's roommate, David Watson, had applied for a license with the FCC, but his application was pending (via Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W;  
Florida DX News and "Florida Low Power Radio Stations" are at:  
<http://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/> DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. The expanded band turns 15 --- 15 years ago tonight, at 8:20 pm EST, Niel Wolfish in Toronto heard a test ID from WJDM-1660 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. DXers in the Eastern and Central time zones had been noting tone and music testing since October 10, but this was the first report of a voice ID. Regular sked would begin on December 8. I heard them for the first time on December 14.

I enjoyed making several long-haul catches from Out West the first few years of the expanded band, before the frequencies filled up. Western DXers were hearing states such as New Jersey and Florida, some for the first time.

All in all, though, the dreams many of us had for the X-band failed to materialize. Based on what I'd read about band conditions in past decades, I was halfway anticipating that if there were, say, three stations on a frequency, each with 1kw, they'd be constantly fading in and out with each other, the far ones mixing with the near. No real dominant, just like a remarkably uncluttered graveyard channel. In reality, the one or two nearest stations are L&C, and the ones on the other side of the continent are never heard. At least, that's the way it's been for me! (Steve Francis, Alcoa, Tennessee, Nov 13, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

In Michigan, I heard the Dallas airport on my truck radio back then. It was cool to hear such a low power signal on a totally clear frequency (Bob Timmerman, Indy, ibid.)

I do remember that station. Two frequencies were used (one for departures, one for arrivals) and that was all that was on. Later, I heard KCJJ 1630 from Iowa and for a time they had the band to themselves at night in AR. Even a station in Ft Smith AR KWHN 1320 opened a X-band relayer on 1650 (KYHN) that had coverage well exceeding the original AM assignment on 1320. Stations I think were \*required\* to have AM Stereo.

Well, 15 years later its the same mess on 1610-1700 as the rest of the MW band in the South. KCJJ isn't well heard anymore, the Ft Smith 1650 station KYHN is gone no thanks to Clear Channel's "foward thinking" (the weaker KWHN 1320 remains). The only semi-distant X station n 1680 station in Monroe LA (KRJO) is heard mostly 24/7 (Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, ibid.)

Remember that stations receiving an X-band permit were supposed to return either their normal band or X-band license within five years? Obviously in many cases that didn't happen.

I do note that in last week's batch of AM renewals, several for X-band stations mentioned a condition regarding picking a frequency. Will try to elaborate once my anti-virus finishes its 160MB download, and I have an Internet connection again (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, ibid.)

Here in my apartment with horrible electrical noise, DX has been almost nonexistent this season. Now I have several questions regarding the x-band stations. What are the most recent US stations to come on the air? Whatever happened to the proposed stations in Farmington NM, and Harrisonburg VA? Also, whatever happened to the Tijuana station on 1630? Thanks, (Doug Martin, IRCA via DXLD) His location unknown. Isn't 1630 XEUT still on, or is it Mexicali? Not reported lately tho (gh)

The most recent US X-banders all seem to have taken to air in 2003.

KHPY-1670 Moreno Valley, CA, January  
KTFH-1680 Seattle, WA, testing beginning in March, regular sked June  
WTNI-1640 Biloxi, MS April

Then \*five\* in the last four months of the year, as if some kind of final deadline is trying to be beaten:

WSWK-1690 Adel, GA, September  
WRLL-1690 Berwyn, IL, October  
KMMZ-1640 Enid, OK, testing beginning in November, regular sked Dec  
WBHE-1660 Charlotte, NC, December  
KBIV-1650 El Paso, TX, December

Major city changes since '03 involving getting closer to Pensacola on 1620 and Atlanta on 1690, but these are still the latest 100% new ones.

Remember how the FCC said that the expanded band station would always carry the same city-of-license as the parent station? Yet we have Gulf Breeze, West Sacramento, Fox Farm, Torrance, Jersey City, Canâvanas, Dry Branch, Ada, Lindenwold, Avondale Estates, Berwyn and Richardson!

This of course is nothing compared to the "requirement" that one license or the other would have to be surrendered after the X-bander had been broadcasting for five years. Some did (WVMI-570 Biloxi turned in a groundwave goldmine), some didn't. It beats me (Steve Francis, Alcoa, Tennessee, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

WRLL 1690 Berwyn/Chicago, IL is the sister to WDDD-AM 810 Johnston City/Marion, IL, opposite ends of the state. 1690 was originally permitted down in Johnston City, but was never ever on the air down here.

WVMI 570's license was turned in because of the fact it was a multi tower array, expensive and hard to maintain and falling into disrepair as I recall (Paul Walker, IRCA via DXLD)

Too bad. They could have kept the 1 kW non-DA day and cut to 100 watts at night, non-DA, and kept that nice fat signal (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, *ibid.*)

The X-band is, to put it kindly, a regulatory mess.

Around the time that the five-year rule would have kicked in for the first X-banders to be licensed, a group of X-band licensees filed a petition with the FCC asking to rescind the five-year rule.

In a nutshell, the petitioners argued that the FCC had utterly failed to achieve the interference-reduction goal that the five-year rule was meant to accomplish, and that the public good would now be better served by allowing X-band licensees to sell their second licenses to minority or small-business broadcasters, rather than forcing those stations to go silent, especially when many of them had branched off into separate programming.

The FCC did the same thing with the petition that it's done with pretty much everything else having to do with the X-band over the last decade: nothing whatsoever. But because the petition had been accepted for filing, the FCC's inaction meant that those X-banders have been able to keep operating their second signals all this time, and that operation can apparently continue until such time as the FCC finally

rules on the petition. (And there is no "shot clock" forcing the FCC to ever take action on the petition!)

Life, of course, is unfair - and the stations that played by the rules and shut down one of their two signals can't get them back, though the petition requested that restoration of a deleted signal be considered. In a handful of cases (I'm thinking of the 920/1690 in Maryland), the 2003 window brought about applications for new stations on the vacated channels, making it impossible for the old signal to return.

At least one paired station may yet succumb to the five-year rule. WDDD 810 in Marion, Illinois begat what's now WVON 1690 in Berwyn/Chicago, and Clear Channel has filed to sell WDDD to Russ Withers, who's operating it under an LMA. But the FCC turned down the transfer application and, at least as things stand so far, appears to be poised to order WDDD off the air when its license expires on June 2, 2011.

Meanwhile, the FCC would apparently like to pretend the X-band never happened. No window was ever opened for more X-band apps, even though a bunch of the initial paired grants were never built out and entire regions of the country (New England, most notably) have no X-band signals at all. Most recent AM action, such as the 2003 window for new station applications, has explicitly excluded the X-band.

The only potential new X-bander on the horizon is on 1700 in Rockland County, NY, where WRCR (1300) used some heavy-duty leverage from its local Congressional delegation to get the FCC to open a special window for a new license on 1700 with the rationale that the area around the Indian Point nuclear plant needs better AM coverage for emergency announcements. Four broadcasters applied, and I believe it's slated to go to auction someday, though here again the FCC is in no hurry at all.

As for my own X-band memories, I was living in suburban Boston when the first signals went on in 1995-96. It was pretty remarkable to hear KXBT from California on a barefoot Sony 2003 --- but with nothing else at all on 1630 (or was it 1640?) anywhere at all, why not?

I have a bunch of tape of "K-Truck" on 1670 from Maryland. They went through three sets of calls - first "KTRK," until someone realized those calls belonged to a TV station in Texas, then "ARMY," until someone pointed out that the US doesn't have the AR-- call block, and finally "ABS" (Army Broadcast Service). I never QSL'ed them, and wish I had.

And I claim a particular tiny little niche in X-band history: when WJDM lit up its 1660 signal in the fall of 1995, their regular

programming did not include newscasts. But on the first or second Saturday that WJDM was on the X-band, they carried a special one-time-only simulcast of "Spectrum," the radio show about radio that was then heard on WWCR shortwave. I was Spectrum's news director, and so I make the claim that my newscast during that Spectrum show was thus the very first newscast ever heard on the X-band :) s (Scott Fybush, NY, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

Aw sheesh ... does that make Scott the Father of X-Band News? LOL...  
;-) (Saul Chernos, *ibid.*)

My expanded band story points out how capable the MW band can be, if only there wasn't any interference between us and the target station.

1620 was a clear channel prior to expanded band assignments, and there was a period where a station from Argentina was creeping through, even in Victoria. Others had ID'd it, but I hadn't, just a weak SS talker for me, but I kept trying. Then Atmore, AL signed on, and it was relatively huge here (though perhaps not as huge as Seattle is now), and that sent my hopes for an Argentinian ID down the tubes! Even when it faded down, it just destroyed the channel for "real" DX. Now of course, Alabama would be real DX on 1620 (especially as it isn't there anymore, hi). Best wishes, (Nick Hall-Patch, BC, IRCA via DXLD)

Another interesting factoid about the xband is a short-lived station called k-truck. This was a station that was operated by the US military somewhere in Maryland. K-truck was a test of a transmitter that was built by the government to conduct psychological warfare in Bosnia. Before it was shipped over there they wanted to test it and as a result a group of volunteers operated it for a few weeks. The programming consisted of rock music with announcements. They solicited input from DXers and others interested in providing signal and quality reception reports. I heard it frequently when I lived in Metuchen, New Jersey. I don't remember how much power they ran but it was widely heard by DXers around the country and farther afield (Dave Marthouse, *ibid.*)

The on air trial of a studio and transmitter truck by the US Military was in 1995 and it was KTRK, K Truck, 1670 kHz at Fort Meade, Maryland Here's a sound clip:

<http://audio.bostonradio.org/19b6b45e-ab92-11d8-9fd3-00904703287b.ogg>

I believe they were 5,000 Watts, using a Harris SX-5 transmitter, as I recall and some kind of portable AM transmitting antenna.

1680 Philadelphia, as WTTM [Lindenwold NJ] is/was using AM Stereo. I don't know about a Mandate that they do or not. I was never clear on that (Paul Walker, <http://www.onairdj.com>

<http://www.facebook.com/onairdj> ibid.)

\*\* U S A. The Great Radio Blockade --- How hard is it to pass a reform in the face of an entrenched industry lobby?

<http://reason.com/archives/2010/11/12/the-great-radio-blockade>

(via Benn Kobb, Nov 18, DXLD) Commercial broadcasters vs LPFM

\*\* VANUATU. Hi Glenn, have been out of the DXing "loop" for a while, but I just wanted to let you know that Radio Vanuatu is indeed transmitting on the new frequency of 7260. Steve has done a fantastic job of helping solve some of the glitches that were causing problems on the higher frequencies. I sent them a care package of higher voltage Vacuum Variable Capacitors, and other odds and ends back in October. The engineering staff of Radio Vanuatu, as well as Steve from Radio New Zealand, are all truly remarkable engineers. The situation there is difficult when it comes to locating parts, and these fellows have become MASTERS at making things work, regardless the difficulties. I just can't thank them enough for their hard work, diligence, and patience, with a transmitter that really was my first prototype. I guess we'll see how well the new layout performs over the coming months (JAMIE Labadia, Nov 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Jamie, Great to hear from you again. Vanuatu has two operable transmitters, right? Have had reports of them on 3945 and 7260 at the same time (Glenn to Jamie, via DXLD) Viz.:

7260, Radio Vanuatu, on Nov 15 at 0744 UT - Male and female announcer in presumed Bislama. Bits and pieces of conversation resembled English words; appeared to be a talk involving shipping of packages or mailing, perhaps to relatives overseas. Good to very good signal. Brief music, many mentions of 'tok tok', and Radio Vanuatu ID and time check at 0750 UT. I noted 3945 kHz in \\ with a fair signal at 0915 UT (Guy Atkins-WA-USA, DXplorer Nov 18 via BC-DX Nov 21 via DXLD)

16/11/10 0800 UT, 7260, R Vanuatu, fair strength different styles of music and OM YL talk some sections in English:

<http://www.box.net/shared/u6ne1xx0ug>

<http://www.box.net/shared/aq4ni6sg57>

73's (Mark Davies, Anglesey UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7260, R. Vanuatu, Port Vila. November 19, 0704-0716 male in English talks outside igovernment.. police.. programi; 25322. 0750-0800 Pacific music, male in uncertain language iR. Vanuatu, back music with English Pop and romantic genres. //3945, 25322 (lob-B).

3945, R. Vanuatu, Port Vila. November 19, 0800-0809 romantic music, male and female in uncertain language. 25222 (Lcio Ot.vio Bobrowiec ñ Embu SP Brasil - Sony SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m, Longwire 22m, dxldyg via

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3945, R. Vanuatu, Port Vila. November 21, 0736-0814 male and female talks seemingly in local language, but with some English words in country, man, program, Pacific music, English romantic music. Peak at 0759, 35233 (lob-B).

7260, November 21, checks at 0735, 0748, 0806 no signal of R. Vanuatu. 73's (L'cio Ot.vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW 40 - Dipoles and Longwire, ibid.)

\*\* VATICAN CITY. 1530 MW, Vatican R, Santa Maria di Galeria, operating only three hours daily. The reduction affects Italian and other programmes to Europe, right in the season medium wave offer the best service, especially at night. The new timings are:

Sundays and Holidays: 0600-0710 and 1940-2120.

Weekdays: 0600-0745 and 1940-2120.

New times deeply affect Italian broadcasts at 1630, 1830 and 2200 as well as well as Central and East European broadcasts, among them German night broadcast.

Vatican R transmitter on 585 MW is still operating with 5 kW from within the walls of the Vatican City in Rome and covers the city quite well. Here, 300 kms north, we get it only seldom. Madrid is normally heard on that frequency (Luigi Cobisi, Firenze, Italy, DSWCI DX Window Nov 17 via DXLD)

\*\* VENEZUELA [non]. 11680, RNV via CUBA, Monday Nov 22 at 1501 YL opening in stilted English, reading scripts far too literally translated, still or again in English at 1510, but at 1520 in Spanish, 1530 English, then Ch.vez in Spanish. It is impossible for a single hour to go by without hearing from and about El Hugazo for a considerable fraction of that time on this propaganda outlet as if nothing happens in Venezuela without concerning him; the state, it's he. This transmission gets lost on Sundays when transmitters are tied up with the more often than not, no-shows of El Hugazo on five other frequencies (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* VIETNAM [and non]. Re 10-45: ``AUSTRIA/CANADA/U.K./VIETNAM Voice of Vietnam B-10 registered B-10 winter schedule  
5955 1800-1930 Vietnamese EUR Moosbrunn log-periodic ant  
1930-2000 French EUR Moosbrunn log-periodic ant``

1800-1830 is in English, very strong signal here 1802 November 25  
(Mike Barraclough, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* WESTERN SAHARA [non]. 6297.1, Nov 19 at 0713 fair signal with

morning chantfest. This time I check to reconfirm it's slightly on the hi side of 6297 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

On Thu, Nov 11, 2010 at 6:24 PM, Mark Coady wrote: 6297, ALGERIA, Radio Nacional de la RASD at 2310 in Spanish with a man with news with mentions of "Sahara" and "Arabia" then "Noticias de Radio Nacional" at 2314 and news highlights. more talk to 2330 then anthem and off" - Fair to Good Nov 11 -

Noted after 2330 Nov 19 with lively Sub-Saharan vocals and instrumental music. This was a Friday evening so maybe they run later on weekends or, at least, on their Sabbath. Eton E1 and T2FD (Mark Coady, Editor Shortwave Loggings, Shadow Lake Camp Convenor, *ibid.*)

6297.1, SASASAM, Nov 22 at 2251 emphatic speech, into soft music and talk in presumed Hassania Arabic.

Harold Frogde in MI had been hearing R. Bulgaria on 6300 at 2215 in English // 7400, but I am sure I would have noticed it if still there at 2251; must have been a punch-up error, supposed to be on 6200 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ZAMBIA. 13590, Nov 19 at 0715 gospel rock, no doubt 1Africa, CVC, back on its original frequency after some forays to 13600. Would be the OSOB if it were not for a much weaker R. Australia on 13630, so make it the SSOB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Trans-Pacific MW carrier search, Nov 21: on the DX-398 in USB mode upward from 1320 UT: weakies on 747, 774, 828, 1422. The first three no doubt the usual NHKs, while 1422 in decreasing order of power listed could be China, Taiwan, Japan. Enid sunrise today was 1315; might have been more productive in previous semihour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1340, Sat Nov 20 at 1326 UT, something in Spanish is atop the graveyard jumble, ad for Mariscos Bicentenario and other local items, but can't catch any identifiable addresses; 1328 mentions mil trescientos cuarenta, frequency in Spanish, later sounds Spanglish. I was hoping that was name of a restaurant which could be Googled to some 1340 town, but the few hits lead to Chile; unlikely to be CB134, CC134 or CD134. Apparently it is the name of a dish instead, and of course the bicentennial of Mexico is in progress, but doubt it's unAmerican. As the signal was somewhat steady, suspect it could have just been KJMU Sand Springs OK, near Tulsa if they are now doing any such programming (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KJMU is indeed broadcasting in Spanish, not sure of exact program names (if any.) Have recently heard them use "La Ley" slogan (Bruce

Winkelman, Tulsa, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 3900 harmonic, USA unidentified. 1215 November 21, 2010. US English man, possibly ESPN Sports or the like as definite sports monologue, though hard to tell. Very weak. Many harmonic possibilities: 780 X 5; 1300 X 3; 650 X 6. No parallels to anything audible on those fundamentals here. Quickly faded. Not an overload product from the very local 820 WWBA, as they were in open-carrier mode only (see USA 3280H log). (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6074, once again CW from 8GAL started before 1400, at 1359:45 Nov 22, mixing with motorboat from R. Rossii, Pet/Kam, 6075 which stayed on until a sesquiminute past the hour. Except it was not the usual V/CQ marker de 8GAL. I could not copy all the letters but I definitely heard a U .. - which is not part of the usual marker. And there was a long dash --- at the end, held down the key. On occasions before, non-8GAL messages have appeared here, perhaps conveying some axual intelligence.

6074, 8GAL check Nov 23: at 1359 I am hearing R. Rossii concluding 6075, timesignal 1400 + 6 seconds late. Still no sign of CW on the side. But I keep listening as motorboating carrier goes off and then hear Chinese. Finally a bit after 1400 there are three long dashes, and only at 1402 the standard message starts: VVV CQ CQ CQ DE 8GAL 8GAL K.

6074, Nov 24 observations of 8GAL: CW marker starts at 1400, same time as the 6-second-late timesignal from R. Rossii, which is not motorboating much today [see RUSSIA]. Copied standard marker: ``VVV CQ CQ CQ DE 8GAL 8GAL K``. Yes, like yesterday sent 8GAL twice, not thrice (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9325, Nov 21 at 2247 open carrier, 2250 tone test; presumably IBB tuning up for VOA Burmese via SRI LANKA at 2300-2330 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9825, S9+15 open carrier with hum, Nov 20 at 0613. Nothing scheduled on 9825 between 0300 and 0755. NHK Yamata is next, but this signal could be RFI via GUF tuning up for Spanish from 1000. Only guesses (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15141.5-SSB, Nov 20 at 1436 Spanish 2-way, het from 15140, presumably OMAN, which fails to assert any dominance over this frequency, the day before marred by OTH radar (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15706, approx., Nov 18 at 1419 I hear 2-way SSB scratching between Bulgaria 15700 and Miraya FM via Slovakia 15710, and briefly confirm it is in Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 21664.5-SSB, approx., no broadcasters audible on 13m, Nov 22 at 2244, but found someone calling ``ola, ola`` a few times around this frequency. 15m was open at least from a CO in Cuba (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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#### UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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And a big 'thank you' to Glenn for all of his contributions, comments and logs over the past years. A terrific job Glenn and I hope that you are able to continue operating as a beacon of enlightenment for many years to come (Duane Fischer, W8DBF, list owner, SWL at mailman.qth.net, Nov 23) Hear hear! Thanks Glenn! 73 from (Bill - WD8ARZ <http://hflink.net/> ibid.)

#### PUBLICATIONS

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#### WORLD RADIO TV HANDBOOK 2011

WRTH team proud to present the 65th edition of the bestselling directory of global broadcasting on LW, MW, SW and FM.

The Features section this year has the history of Radio St Helena, reviews of the latest equipment, an intriguing look back at some classic 80s & 90s receivers, a visit to AFN in the Florida Keys and much more, including our regular Digital Update.

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- ii Clandestine and other target broadcasters
- ii MW and SW frequency listings
- ii Terrestrial TV by country
- ii Extensive Reference section

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Frequency Lists - This section contains MW frequency lists grouped by frequency within regions, lists of all international and domestic SW broadcasts in frequency order, and international SW broadcasts in English, French, German, Portuguese and Spanish, and DRM transmissions shown by UTC.

Television - The TV section has details of the main terrestrial national broadcasters, large regional networks, and some local stations, arranged alphabetically by country.

Reference - This section has tables and listings of: International and Domestic Transmitter sites, Standard Time and Frequency Transmissions, DX Club information, International Organisations, and other essential information.

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[https://secure400.sectorlink.com/wrth/order\\_new.asp](https://secure400.sectorlink.com/wrth/order_new.asp)  
(via Jaisakthivel, Ardic DX Club, India, Nov 23, dxldyg via DXLD)

NEW UPDATED VERSION OF MWOFFSET.TXT AVAILABLE

has just been released:

<<http://www.myradiobase.de/mediumwave/mwoffset.txt>>  
Enjoy! 73, (Guenter Lorenz-D, mwoffsets Nov 13 via BC-DX via DXLD))

#### CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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#### 2011 IRCA Convention

Well It looks like it's official now, the 2011 IRCA convention will be held in Colorado Springs CO Thursday June 23 through Sunday 26 checkout. Our hotel location is Airport Value Inn & Suites, 6875 Space Village Avenue, Colorado Springs CO 80915. (View online at <http://www.airportvalueinn.com>) Phone number for reservations and inquiries is 719-596-5588. Special convention guest room rate will be \$69 per night, mention IRCA convention and host Bob Wien. I will be playing co-host. Bob has set up a special address to accept registrations of \$30 per person, and any auction item donations etc. It is Robert Wien, #106, 2910 North Powers Blvd. Colorado Springs CO 80922-2801. We're planning the usual station tours on Friday, tower photo ops, business meeting, banquet, and auction on Saturday. We'll have much more information as it becomes available. Everybody who loves AM radio is invited! (Mike Sanburn, KG6LJU, IRCA mailing list via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See BELGIUM; CROATIA; ERITREA; GUAM;  
++++++ GUIANA FRENCH; RUSSIA; UK; PUBLICATIONS

#### POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS

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BPL isn't dead...just different...

A work related project led me to the website of Xcel Energy, of Boulder, Colorado, which is implementing a new, modernized electricity delivery and management system called "Smart Grid".

This concept involves the transformation of communications infrastructure relating to the electric grid and related metering components into new digital technologies.

It appears that BPL will be the method used for this technology to communicate information around the network.

See

<http://smartgridcity.xcelenergy.com/learn/frequently-asked-questions.asp>  
for a mention regarding BPL.

I haven't seen anything mentioned regarding the frequencies / modes

used -- and whether or not the RFI issues we SWLs and hams noted years ago have been addressed.

There is no mention of a BPL consumer Internet access offering; this is an internal use of BPL technology.

I haven't seen much written on BPL lately -- has the ARRL or other amateur radio advocacy groups addressed this? (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, Nov 23, NASWA yg via DXLD)

The ARRL has continued to address the BPL issue. Not sure if they've addressed this specific incidence. There might be something on their website, arrl.org (Ken, N0AS, Anderson, ibid.)

I believe it's a closed system -- e.g. like cable, only using the smart grid capability to transmit messages internally. There's no radiation outside the closed system to my knowledge. But I haven't examined this in any depth. So all I have are impressions at this point. All efforts to use the BPL system to deliver broadband services to subscribers involved radiating signals outside the wire. And all failed. This newer form of BPL involves a "hardened" infrastructure.  
jaf (John A Figliozi, NY, ibid.)

#### PROPAGATION

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#### GEOMAGNETIC SUMMARY OCTOBER 1 2010 THROUGH OCTOBER 31 2010

Tabulated from email status daily.

Date Flux A K Space Wx

1	87	1	1	no storms
2	85	0	1	no storms
3	80	1	1	no storms
4	76	2	1	no storms
5	74	6	1	no storms
6	74	6	1	no storms
7	75	4	1	no storms
8	75	4	2	no storms
9	76	3	1	no storms
10	76	1	1	no storms
11	75	16	2	no storms
12	75	9	2	no storms
13	78	5	1	no storms
14	80	0	0	no storms
15	82	4	1	no storms
16	87	5	2	minor
17	84	13	2	minor
18	91	5	3	no storms

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29 86 3 0 no storms  
30 85 3 1 no storms  
31 81 4 1 no storms

(via Phil Bytheway, IRCA SDX Monitor Nov 13 via DXLD)

#### SIX METERS AND VHF PROPAGATION

Jim Kennedy, amateur K6MIO/KH6 and retired manager for Project GONG (world monitoring network of sub-surface solar measurements) from 2000>2010 has created seven conference papers dealing with the magic of sporadic E (Es) and F layer in the VHF region. As of yesterday for the first time all papers are available to read, download and print from <http://www.bobcooper.tv>. When there look left to file list and click on KH6/K6MIO. There is no better tutorial on these subjects available anywhere (Bob Cooper in New Zealand, WTFDA Tvfmdx mailing list, Nov 23, via DXLD)

The geomagnetic field was mostly quiet with some isolated unsettled to active periods at some locations for 15-16 November. Generally quiet levels prevailed for 17-20 November. Quiet levels also predominated for 21 November with the exception of a weak substorm (unsettled at mid latitudes and active at high latitudes) from 0900-1200 UTC.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 24 NOV - 20 DEC 2010

Solar activity is expected to be very low with just a slight chance for an isolated C-class event for 24 November through 03 December. There is a chance for an increase in C-class flare activity for 04-16 December with the return of longitudes associated with old Region 1124. Activity levels are expected to return to predominantly very low for the remainder of the interval from 17-20 December.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels for 24 November - 12 December. An increase to high levels is possible for 13-15 December

due to a recurrent high speed stream. Normal to moderate levels are expected for the remainder of the forecast period.

The geomagnetic field is expected to be predominantly quiet for 24 November - 10 December. A small increase to quiet to unsettled levels is possible for 11-14 December due to a recurrent high speed stream. Quiet levels should prevail for the remainder of the forecast period.

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# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction
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# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
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2010 Nov 29      75          5            2
2010 Nov 30      75          5            2
2010 Dec 01      75          5            2
2010 Dec 02      80          5            2
2010 Dec 03      80          5            2
2010 Dec 04      85          5            2
2010 Dec 05      85          5            2
2010 Dec 06      85          5            2
2010 Dec 07      85          5            2
2010 Dec 08      85          5            2
2010 Dec 09      85          5            2
2010 Dec 10      85          5            2
2010 Dec 11      85          7            2
2010 Dec 12      90          7            2
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